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We had always assumed that "retirement" meant having more time to devote to one's interests. After entering what we call "semi-retirement" and greatly scaling back our practice of law last Fall, however, we now see our assumption to be wrong since (to paraphrase Parkinson's famous law) our interests have expanded to fill the extra time now available. We thus find ourselves more deeply involved in our local Highland Township Historical Society, having "volunteered" to create and manage its new web site, writing articles for its monthly newsletter, etc. So too, projects around the farm we had previously only dreamed of ever doing are now within the realm of possibility, e.g., rebuilding an old stone fence, expanding our garden, and cutting extra firewood.

This means, however, we seem to have had even less time (rather than more) to devote to genealogy. Our backlog of unanswered email continues to grow, as do the piles of paper on and around our computer desk. In particular, we have so far lacked both the inclination and energy to prepare the kind of in-depth articles and other items we normally like to include in this newsletter. We were also among the millions affected by the recent "Blackout of 2003," which kept us off our computer for several days.

All of this is by way of apologizing for this issue which we suspect is not up to our usual standards (as well as several weeks late!) Our hope is that once the days grow shorter and cooler we will be forced to curtail our outdoor activities, leaving more time to

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devote to family history. Until then we ask that you forgive this "hodgepodge" of shorter items which we freely admit having cobbled together to make our deadline.

Respectfully, Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

GLEANINGS

A column devoted to presenting short biographies, family lineages and other accounts of persons named BEACH as found in old local histories and other sources of limited availability. If your files contain items of this type please submit a photocopy or verbatim transcript, along with the author, title, publisher, date and place of publication and page references of the source where found.

The following is taken from George W. Atkinson, *History of Kanawha County, West Virginia* (1876), pp. 301-302 [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

ANDREW H. BEACH

Samuel Beach came from Rockbridge county to Kanawha in 1800, and located near the Upper Falls of Coal river. He entered as a volunteer, in the war of 1812 with Great Britain. After his discharge at Norfolk, he started home. While visiting friends in Prince Edward county, he took sick, and died in the fall of 1813.

Andrew H. Beach, son of Samuel Beach, was born in Kanawba county, February 11, 1803. He was brought up on a farm near the Upper Falls of Coal river, where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. During his minority, he attended schools taught at different times by Joseph J. Strawn, E. G. Simmons, John M. Jordan, Isaac Ashworth, John Campbell, Daniel Pauley and others, all of whom were pioneer school teachers in this, at that time, western country.

Mr. Beach learned the trade of a shoe-maker, and opened a shop in Malden, in 1825, where he remained in business for four years. He then removed to Charleston, and carried on the business of shoe and boot making for upwards of twenty-five years.

For ten years he was a "peace officer" of the town of Charleston, in the capacity of Constable, deputy Sheriff, and Marshal of the corporation.

For many years past he has been engaged as the proprietor of a hotel, and at present is the owner of the Kanawha House, on Kanawha street. Mr. Beach is about five feet seven inches tall, and his average weight for the last half century has been about one hundred and forty pounds. He has been a cripple for the past eight years, occasioned by a fall into a cellar, resulting in the crushing of one of his feet and ankles. He walks about with the assistance of a cane, but will never recover from the injuries received from the fall.

NOTE: This is Andrew H. Beach⁶, Samuel⁵, Waldron⁴, Samuel³, Zophar², Thomas¹, b., as noted, Feb 11, 1803; m. Harriet M. Smoot. See: *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. V, No. 3, pp. 716-719, where his ancestry is presented in more detail. See also: Vol. VI, No. 2, p. 831, for his entry in the 1850 Census of Kanawha County, (West) Virginia.

The following is taken from J. H. Beers & Co., *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington County, Pennsylvania*, Chicago, 1893, p. 219, as posted to the Washington County, GenWeb page at <http://www.chartiers.com/>. [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

CHARLES E. BEACH (deceased) was born in East Bloomfield, N. Y., January 31, 1819, a son of Chauncey, who was a son of Chauncey, who was a son of John, who was a son of John, who was a son of Thomas, a native of England.

In 1639 there came from England three brothers --Richard, John and Thomas - who settled in New Haven, Conn., where Thomas, in 1654, married Sarah, daughter of Richard Platt, and of their children one son, John, was born October 19, 1655, and died in 1709. John Beach had one son also named John, born October 15, 1690, in Wallingford, Conn., who in 1738 moved to Goshen, same State where he died May 9, 1773. On August 8, 1715, he was married to Sarah Taylor, who died, leaving one son, Barney, and John Beach then married, February 22, 1717, Mary Roys, to which union one son, Amos, was born January 28, 1724. Amos Beach married, December 24, 1746, Mary Rich, and their son Chauncey was born in Goshen, Conn., November 11, 1748, and became the grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

Chauncey Beach received his education in his native town, and was reared to the milling business, which he followed many years. He remained in Goshen until 1801, when he removed to West Bloomfield, N. Y., where he died May 13, 1825, a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Federalist originally, and during the later years of his life a Whig. On December 24, 1772, he married Catherine Alvord, who was born November 21, 1750, and the following record of their family of children gives the names and dates of birth: Erastus, June 3, 1775; Olive, May 5, 1777; Lucy, October 6, 1778; Ambrose, August 14, 1780; Abram, May 12, 1782; Elisha, June 23, 1783; Theron, July 9, 1785; Catherine, June 29, 1787; Chauncey, May 5, 1789 and Nathaniel, October 26, 1791.

Channcey Beach, father of Charles E., was born in Goshen, Conn., where he received the earlier part of his education, and, as will be seen, was about twelve years old when his parents moved with their family to West Bloomfield, N.Y. After leaving school he learned the trade of cabinet maker, but abandoned it to take up that of his father, milling, which, having mastered, he carried on in West Bloomfield until 1836, when he moved to Parma, N.Y., thence to Ohio, to a place now known as Kent. There he remained seven years, at the end of which time he went to Painesville; then after a few years he proceeded to West Cleveland. At the latter place he resided but six months, when he moved to Akron, and thence, after three years, came to Monongahela City, all the time engaged in the milling business until old age compelled him to retire from active work. On August 19, 1813, Mr. Beach married Matilda Eggleston, of West Bloomfield, who became the mother of four children, viz.: Catherine, born August 2, 1814; James W., born October 2, 1816; Charles E., born January 31, 1819, and Cordelia, born August 29, 1821. The mother passed from earth July 21, 1866, the father May 19, 1870. He was a Whig until the change of the party was consummated, when he became a Republican.

Charles E. Beach was educated at the public schools of his native town -- proving a deep and diligent student. When a young man he entered his father's mill, and remained there several years. In 1847 the family moved to Monongahela, City, Penn., where he and his father bought the flouring mill, but in 1867 sold it, and then, in company with his father, bought an interest in the lumber yard and planing mill in Monongahela City, now owned by Blythe & Co. On account of poor health he sold his interest in 1876, and retired from business. On September 23, 1858, he married Emma Pierce, and the children by that union were Matilda E., M. Edith and Amanda S., of whom the first and last named are deceased. The mother of these children died January 1, 1866, and March 29, 1870, Mr. Beach was married to Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Heslep. One child, Nellie, was born to them. Our subject was a stanch Republican in his political views, and was

recognized as a leading and enterprising man in the community. His widow is still a resident of Monongahela City.

Thomas Heslep, father of Mrs. Elizabeth Beach, was born in Chester county, Penn., in 1801, a son of John Heslep, a native of the same county, who married a Miss Grant, and had by her several children, of whom the following names are obtainable: Robert, John, George and Thomas. John Heslep came to Washington county at an early day, and purchased a farm in Carroll township where he died. He was a Whig in politics, and in Church connection a Baptist. Thomas Heslep was reared partly in Washington county, partly in Pittsburgh. He married Margaret McCormick, of Pigeon Creek, and they then settled on a farm in Somerset town ship, where he died in 1860; his wife is also dead. He kind two children. Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles E. Beach) and John. Mr. Heslep was first a Whig, afterward a Republican, and in church connection he was a sound Presbyterian.

NOTE: This is Charles Eggleston Beach⁷, Chauncey⁶, Chauncey⁵, Amos⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹. We previously knew of his second marriage and daughter Nell⁸, but not his first marriage to nor children by Emma Pierce. This account likewise adds to our knowledge of the children of Chauncey⁶, since we previously knew only of Charles E.⁷ On the other hand, the data on the earlier generations is somewhat confused. There is no mention, for example, of the second marriage of Chauncey Beach⁵ to Mrs. Earl Stanley. So too, Amos Beach⁴ married Sarah Royce (Roys/Rice); not Mary Rich, and the first wife of Deacon John Beach³ was Sarah Tyler; not Taylor.

The following is taken from *Portrait & Biographical Album of Genesee, Lapeer & Tuscola Counties, Michigan*, Chapman Bros., 1892, p. 961 [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

GEORGE H. BEACH - The interests of our subject in a business way are varied. He is a farmer, residing on section 33, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, where he owns eighty acres of land and is also the proprietor of a sawmill at Watrousville Station. He is a son of Liberty and Hannah (Gaylord) Beach, natives of Madison County, N. Y., where George H. was born December 22, 1824. He was reared upon a farm and in his early boyhood came with his parents to Michigan as a pioneer and settled in Wayne County. He well recollects when Detroit was only a very small village and when paved streets were unthought of.

Our subject was the eldest child in the parental family. They are by name, George H., Clarissa, Liberty, Ira, Almeda and Mary P. George remained at home until nineteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself. He began to work at fifty cents per day, but soon did better. January 2, 1851, he was happily married to Miss Betsey Culver, a daughter of Orriseen Culver, a native of New York State, where Mrs. Beach was born, October 19, 1825. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two children, Newton, who was born March 25, 1849, and married Lilly Lawrence March 24, 1875; they are the parents of four children, Roy, May, Ralph and Helen. The other child was Avilla, who married Edgar Lapham and died in 1879, leaving two children. The elder, a boy of about fifteen years, lives with his grandfather Lapham in Lenawee County, and the younger, a girl of twelve years, receives the tender care of our subject and his wife, with whom she lives.

Our subject came to Tuscola County in 1883 and settled at Watrousville, and four years ago he built the sawmill and he and his son Newton together conduct the same. He is an old mill man and has an experience in the work that extends over fifty years. Although advanced in years Mr. Beach still operates his own farm. He built a fine dwelling on section 33 in 1886, and the son another on section 28, where he has forty acres. Politically he is a Republican, as is also his son. In their church affiliations they are Methodists.

NOTE: This is George H. Beach⁷, Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹, whose ancestry we previously published in Vol. X, No. 3, pp. 1499-1506, at p. 1501. This account, however, adds significantly to our knowledge of this family. For example, we now

know the maiden name of the first wife of Liberty P. Beach⁶, i.e., Hannah Gaylord. We likewise now know that George H⁷ had a daughter, Avilla⁸, as well as son Newton⁸. On the other hand, we question the date of marriage given for George H. Beach⁷ above, i.e., Jan 2, 1851. The family Bible says he married in Jun --, 1844, and even the account above acknowledges that son Newton⁸ was born Mar 25, 1849 - two years before his parents' supposed marriage.

The following is taken from the *Gazette* (Colorado Springs, Colorado) for Saturday, Oct 20, 1917, as posted to the Old Colorado City Historical Society Web Site at <http://history.oldcolo.com/people/briefbio/beachms.html#BEACHMS> [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

**Oldest Pioneer of Region Passes Away
M. S. Beach, Who Built First
House Here, Died Yesterday**

Melancthon Sayre Beach, aged 83 years, probably the oldest pioneer of the Pikes Peak region, died at his home, 405 Cheyenne road, Ivywild, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sofia Dresser Beach.

Mr. Beach was born in Sparta, N. J., in 1834, and received his education at Appleton College. He came to Colorado in 1858, locating at Denver, and was one of the pioneers of Denver who formed the town company of Colorado City, and in May, 1859, started the greater Colorado Springs. Ever since that time, Mr. Beach has been closely associated with the development of the city and region. Together with his partner, Rufus Cable, Mr. Beach was sent out by the Denver company to locate the city of Colorado City and it was then that the two men discovered the Garden of the Gods and gave it its name which is today famous the world over.

Saw War Service

In the fall of 1863 Mr. Beach gave up his home life to become a lieutenant in McClain's independent battery of the Union army and was ordered to Missouri and the southwest where he took part in several important engagements against the confederate forces. His career as a soldier also led him into active participation under Colonel Chivington in many Indian battles during the early settlement of the country east of Colorado Springs..

Before the settlement of the region Mr. Beach was for eight years treasurer of Douglas county at Lawrence, Kansas, and in this office had jurisdiction over all of eastern Colorado and the Pikes Peak region, which at that time was considered a part of Kansas. Following the laying out of Colorado City and Colorado Springs, Mr. Beach was made the first clerk and recorder of the district and was a member of the first legislature of Colorado, which took action to make Colorado City the capital of the state.

Drove First Stake

In the settlement of Colorado City and later Colorado Springs, Mr. Beach had a big part. He drove the first stake in Colorado City at the mouth of Camp creek, and located the 1,280 acres included in the original plot of Colorado Springs. To Mr. Beach also goes the credit of erecting the first house in Colorado City, built from logs hauled from Broadmoor near the site of the new Broadmoor hotel which is in process of erection. To him also goes the honor of giving to the new town the name Colorado City, which Mr. Beach explained, was but a symbol of the hope entertained by the founders that Colorado City would become the "first city in Colorado".

Mr. Beach discovered and at one time owned the now famous Manitou mineral springs which he disposed of at a sum of \$600, before the real value of the mineral water was discovered. During the early days, he was frequently sought as a guide up Pikes Peak and had the honor of directing many parties composed of persons prominent in the literary and scientific world.

Mr. Beach also was interested for many years in the development of silver mining in the San Juan district, and during his 25 years service there was responsible in large part for some of the greatest financial deals in the district.

The funeral of Mr. Beach will be held from the Beyle undertaking rooms tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends may view the body at Beyles previous to the funeral services. The internment in Evergreen cemetery will be private.

NOTE: Despite some discrepancies, we are confident this is "Melanthon" Beach⁷, Elias⁶, Samuel⁵, Joseph⁴, Epenetus³, Zophar², Thomas¹, whose ancestry we presented back in Vol. IV, No. 3, pp. 533-539, at p. 534. First and foremost is the unusual name "Melanthon/Melanthon" which no doubt honors Phillip Melanthon (1497-1560); the early Lutheran theologian. Second, our notes show Melanthon⁷ as born 1833-1835 and the man above was born in 1834. Third, this obituary declares Melanthon Sayre Beach to have been born in Sparta, New Jersey; the same place of birth given in the obituary of his presumed brother James Emerie Beach⁷, Elias⁶, See: *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. IV, No. 3, p. 538. Finally, this obituary refers to Melanthon Sayre Beach as having attended "Appleton College" - presumably in or around Appleton, Wisconsin - and the family of Elias⁶ settled in Calumet County, Wisconsin, c. 1848-49. But note that our original account of "Melanthon" Beach⁷ claims he died c. 1866 and that his wife was "Clelia [Celia?] Werner" whereas the obituary above says Melanthon Sayre Beach died Oct 19, 1917, and was married to Sofia Dresser. These "inconsistencies" seem minor, however, when compared to the larger number of "similarities" noted above and might well be explained by the Wisconsin branch of the family [from whom our original information came] having "lost track" of the relatives who removed to Colorado.

The following is taken from F. A. Battey & Co., *History of LaGrange County, Indiana* (1882) re: Johnson Township, as posted to the LaGrange Biographies section of the LaGrange County GenWeb site at <http://members.tripod.com/~debmurray/lagrange/lgbios.htm> [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

PETER BEACH, the grandfather of John Beach, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. He married Miss Hammer, and located on the Genesee Flats, N.Y., to farm. Their eldest child was Nicholas J., the father of John. He was a saddler and a shoemaker. After his marriage with Miss E.J. Fluker, in 1839, he became a farmer. The next year he moved to Wisconsin; but, becoming dissatisfied, he returned East as far as Huron County, Ohio, where he resided until 1848, when ill-health and the family physician admonished him to seek a different climate, whereupon he went to La Grange County, buying forty acres of the land now owned by his son John, paying for the same with his wagon, one horse and the harness. He returned to Ohio and bought of a neighbor there fifty acres adjoining his land in La Grange County, and in 1851 came with his family to his new home. Mr. Beach was an honest, hard-working man, a Democrat and a Second[sic]-day Adventist. He died in 1866 and his wife in 1877. Eight of their ten children are yet living. John Beach, the eldest son and third child, was born in Wyoming County, N.Y., February 19, 1841. His education was limited. In October, 1864, he married Elizabeth H. Shipley, who was born in Ashland County, Ohio, in April, 1845. Their four children are Ward, Della, Jay and Otto. Mr. Beach is an enterprising and successful farmer. He is an Independent, always voting for the man and not the party. He owns a fine farm of 109 acres.

NOTE: Thanks to this account we now know the father of the Nicholas J. Beach whom we discussed in Vol. X, No. 3, pp. 1494-1495. Unfortunately, the ancestry of this Peter Beach is itself unclear, although we can offer the following observations. Initially, we question the claim that Peter Beach was a soldier in the Revolution as this would place his birth prior to 1765 (assuming he was at least 16 at the war's end in 1781). The account above says son Nicholas J. Beach was his "eldest child" and the 1850 Indiana census shows Nicholas J. to have been born c. 1809. While it is conceivable, we suppose, that Peter Beach did not marry and have children until his mid-40s, this hardly seems likely. Rather, we suspect he was actually a veteran of the War of 1812 (which was itself sometimes formerly called the "Second American Revolution") and so born in the late 1700's. In this regard we find two 1812 service records of interest: one showing a Peter Beach as a private in Steven's Battalion, New York Volunteers, and the other showing a Peter Beach as a private in the 76th (Tuttle's) Regiment, New York Militia.

Consider also the 1810 Census for Sparta, Ontario County, New York, which shows a Peter "Beech" with 3 males under 10; 1 male between 21-45; and 1 female 21-45. So too, the 1820 Census for Perry, Genesee (now Wyoming) County, New York, shows a Peter Beach with 3 males under 10; 2 males 16-18; 1 male 26-45; 2 females under 10; and 1 female 26-45. Given that the account above says Peter Beach "located on the Genesee Flats, N.Y." and that John, the son of Nicholas J. Beach, was himself born in Wyoming County, New York, both census records likely relate to the Peter in question. If so, then he would appear to have been born sometime between 1775 (since not over 45 in 1820) and 1789 (since at least 21 in 1810) - a more reasonable range in which to have married and fathered his first child c. 1809.

Lastly, we find it interesting that Nicholas J. Beach is described as initially having been "a saddler and a shoemaker." This immediately puts us in mind of the New Jersey branches of the family; many of whom were employed in leather-related trades, See: "The Cobbler Cousins," Beach Family Journal, Vol. VIII, No. 2, pp. 1152-1154. We further note that the name Peter frequently appears among the New Jersey descendants of Benjamin Beach², John¹. The evidence currently available, however, is still not enough to link this family to any of the known lines. We would accordingly invite any additional information our readers might have on this Peter Beach of New York.

The following is taken from the *Red Bank Register* (New Jersey) for July 28, 1886 as posted to http://www.distantcousin.com/obits/nj/1800/1886/jul/beach_henry_d.html [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

Death of Henry D. Beach
His death occurs in Nova Scotia on the 13th of July

Henry D. Beach, who for many years was a resident of Red Bank, died at Nova Scotia on Tuesday, July 13th. It is expected that his remains will be brought to New York and interred at Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Beach's eccentricities were well known to the people of this vicinity, and about two months ago he was declared insane by a sheriff's jury of twenty-four men. The verdict of the jury further stated that he had been insane since 1880. Moses S. Beach, his brother, was appointed as his guardian. During the period of Mr. Beach's insanity he had married Mrs. Emily Gibson, and had made over to her, either directly or through a third party, most of the real estate which he owned. After he had been pronounced insane by the jury, Moses S. Beach, the guardian appointed by the court, began suit to recover the property from Mrs. Beach (Mrs. Gibson). On learning of Mr. Beach's death an affidavit to that effect was filed in the Court of Chancery, and the suit will hereafter be continued by Mrs. John M. Farrier, Mr. Beach's daughter and heir.

NOTE: This is Henry Day Beach⁷, Moses Yale⁶, Moses Sperry⁵, Moses⁴, Moses³, Thomas², John¹, b. Aug 8, 1824; m. 1st, Ann Eliza Fordham; m. 2nd, Jun 3, 1884, Emily V. Gibson, widow of Richard P. Gibson. He started work at his father's New York *Sun*, but sold his interest to his brothers and went to Philadelphia where he was a partner in the *North American And United States Gazette*. When the California gold rush began he took a ship of cargo to San Francisco and founded the Apollo warehouse, netting a tidy fortune which he invested in Wells & Co., predecessor of Wells Fargo. He later returned to New York and started the *Illustrated News* with brother Alfred Ely Beach and P.T. Barnum. He had four children by his first marriage, i.e., Harry Yale Beach⁸, Augusta Fordham Beach⁸, Alfred Holbrook Beach⁸ and Annie Brewster Beach⁸, but the first three died young.

The following is taken from *Biographical Record and Portrait Album of Tippecanoe County, Indiana*, Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, Illinois, 1888, p. 735, as posted to the Tippecanoe Message Board at Rootsweb.com [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

Josiah N. Beach, a prosperous and enterprising citizen of Randolph Township, was born in Montgomery County, Indiana, April 1, 1840, a son of Nathan Beach, who was a native of Adams County, Ohio. He was a prominent pioneer of Montgomery County, Indiana, entering 520 acres of land there in 1828, and becoming a resident of the county in 1831, where he lived until his death. Our subject was brought up amid the wild surroundings of pioneer life in his native county. In his youth he has caught many deer with snare, and also trapped many wild turkeys, as late as the year 1863. His father being a farmer he was reared to the same vocation, and his education was received in the common schools and at Wesley Academy. He has dealt quite extensively in stock, buying and shipping from his eighteenth year until the year 1877. He was united in marriage February 2, 1870, to Miss Ellen Tracy House, a daughter of G.W. House, a resident of Randolph Township. She died October 15, 1873, leaving one daughter, Mary E., who is at present a student at DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. Mr. Beach was again married in the fall of 1874 to Mary E. Crouch, who died in 1880, leaving at her death a son named Garfield N. He was married to his present wife, whose maiden name was Elva Allen, November 17, 1881. Her father, John Allen, lives in Randolph Township. To this union three children have been born, named - Arthur, Emerson and Estella L.

Mr. Beach came to Tippecanoe County in 1870, and since 1877 has resided on his farm on section 31, Randolph Township, where he has 252 acres of choice land. His fine substantial residence was erected in 1878, and the following year he built his present commodious barn, his building improvements being among the best in his neighborhood. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order. In his religious faith he is a Methodist, being a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Romney.

NOTE: This is Josiah Nathan Beach⁷, Nathan⁶, Stephen⁵, Nathan⁴, Nathan³, Thomas², John¹. We previously knew of his marriage to Elva Allen and their son, Emerson Asa Beach⁸, but not Josiah's other marriages or children.

The following is taken from Mrs. Gertrude Van Rensselaer Wickham, Editor, *Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve*, (1897), Part IV, p. 979, as posted to the Ashtabula County, Ohio, GenWeb site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohashtab/PWMORGAN.htm> [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

Mrs. Luman Beach [Lydia Wright] arrived in Morgan in 1804 and located on land given her by her father John Wright.

While Mr. Beach was away doing service in the War of 1812, she was left to worry and conjecture the worst. The firing of Perry's naval battle was distinctly heard by the Morgan settlers, but a whole week followed before they learned of the results.

Of the twelve children of Mr. and Mrs. Beach, seven were daughters. Fanny married three times: first Samuel Peck [sic - actually Samuel Knowlton], then Taylor Peck of Ruggles, Ashland Co., afterward Samuel Beach of the same place. She died in Huron Co. at the age of seventy-eight. Charlotte married Merrills Willey and died in Iowa in 1833. Henrietta became Mrs. Cassander Sackett of Tallmadge. Cornelia became Mrs. John Chare. Caroline married Dr. E. N. Lyman of Wadsworth, dying there in 1886. Maloina became the second wife of J. B. Campbell. She died at the home of her youngest brother in Chatham where she was on a visit. She was buried at Wadsworth where rest a large number of relatives.

NOTE: This is Lydia Mason Wright, wife of Luman Beach⁶, Abner⁵, Edmund⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹. We were not previously aware of several of these daughters and - if Luman⁶ and Lydia indeed had twelve children - there are a son and daughter yet to be identified. For more information on a later branch of this family, see the article elsewhere in this issue on the children of Edwin A. Beach⁷, Luman⁶.

The following is taken from Abraham E. Weaver, *A Standard History of Elkhart County, Indiana* (1916), Vol. II, p. 854 [Submitted by Janace D. Cole]:

Re: Biography of Harriet (Compton) Beach, daughter of James Compton

At the age of eighteen she [Harriet Compton - Ed.] married Edward W. Beach. Mr. Beach was born in Cayuga Co., New York, October 7, 1825, a son of Erastus and Betsy Beach. Erastus Beach moved from New York to Indiana and became a pioneer in Elkhart County, but later moved to Cass County, Michigan, where he bought land and operated a sawmill. About 1856 he went out to California, making the trip by way of the Isthmus, and locating in Sierra County was elected a justice of the peace in San Juan and served several years. He lived there until his death.

Edward W. Beach was about twelve years of age when his parents came to Elkhart County. In the blush of young manhood in 1849 he made the journey to California, going across the plains and was six months en route. He spent some months mining in the Far West and returned to the states by the Isthmus route. He was married to Miss Compton, and in 1854, with his wife and one child, he again set out for California. With a wagon drawn by an ox team they left Elkhart County on the 29th of March and made the entire journey overland, finally arriving in Marysville the following September. As they crossed the great western plains they saw countless herds of buffalo, antelope and other game, and there were also many Indians along the route. In 1856 they came back East but in 1860 took the overland journey again, and spent four years near Marysville in Yuba County, and afterwards lived for three years at Shasta.

Except for these years spent in the Far West Edward W. Beach was a resident of Elkhart County and a practical farmer and progressive citizen until his death on March 24, 1909. Mrs. Beach still occupies the old homestead in Osolo Township, and is one of the remarkable women of the county.

She reared four children: Dora, Ida, Charles and Jessie. Dora married John Wyllie and their three children are Beatrice, Gertrude and Blanche. Ida married Aymer McKean, and they have four children named Harriet, Erma, Jessie and Ruth. The son Charles lives at home with his mother. The daughter Jessie, who died October 5, 1913, married George Lowery, and she was survived by five children named Mansfield, Helen, Melba, Arnold and Georgia, who reside in Sonoma County, California.

NOTE: This is Edward W. Beach⁸, Erastus⁷, William ("Pump")⁶, Timothy⁵, Joseph⁴, Ephriam³, Nathaniel², John¹, about whom we previously had no information until Ms. Cole brought this item to our attention. Note how the "Mansfield" name resurfaces among the children of Jessie Beach⁹, Edward W.⁸, much as it does among other descendants of Joseph⁴ and Esther (Mansfield) Beach.

The following is taken from William James McKnight, *Jefferson County, Pennsylvania - Her Pioneers and People*, J. H. Beers & Co. (1917), Vol. II, p. 88 [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

HERMAN C. BEACH is looked upon as one of the ablest business men in Brookville, which borough in proportion to its size has a large representation of the commercial and financial talent of this section of Pennsylvania. As a lumberman he is considered a competent all-round authority, and it is in this connection that he is most widely known, but his judgment has proved as reliable in other lines and his methods as successful. His interests have increased and multiplied to such an extent that he has had to keep at work tirelessly in their manipulation, but he has carried his responsibilities cheerfully, and has gone through life pleasantly, and he is popularly known among his many friends as "Billy" Beach.

Mr. Beach was born at Brookville June 7, 1860, son of Adam and Catherine (Sachs) Beach. The father was a native of Hesse, Germany, born April 15, 1815, and spent his early life in that country, coming to the United States in 1849 and spending the rest of his days in Pennsylvania. His first location was at St. Marys, Elk county, and he afterwards spent a short time at Port Barnett, Jefferson county, where took charge of the gristmill, having learned the trade of miller. In 1851 he settled at Brookville, where he made a permanent home, dying there Sept. 6, 1894, suddenly, of apoplexy. His industry and careful management brought him deserved prosperity and the esteem of all his fellow men. By his first marriage Mr. Beach had a son Frank, born in Baden in 1833, who settled at Brookville, and died in November, 1907. In 1847 Mr. Beach married (second) Catherine Sachs, who was born in Baden in 1823 and died in Brookville Dec. 27, 1907. To this marriage were born four sons, three of whom are living: John, at one time proprietor of the Brookville Laundry; Herman C., of Brookville; and Charles H., of St. Louis, Missouri.

Herman C. Beach had few advantages in his boyhood, as he commenced work when very young. But intelligent application has enabled him to remedy his early lack of opportunities, and he has made his way forward by merit. When sixteen years old he went to work in a sawmill, thus beginning the main business of his life in the most practical manner. He spent four years in the sawmill, and then changed to a shingle mill, and within a short time he decided to make a venture on his own account, buying a shingle mill which he operated until he had worked up all the material in its vicinity. Then he built a new mill at Carman, Elk Co., Pa., which he sold to H.B. Craig after operating it for about eighteen months. In March, 1885, he went to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where he purchased a skating rink, remaining at that place about fifteen months, when he sold out and returned to Brookville. Before long he entered the employ of Weis & Hall, of Williamsport, Pa., for whom he bought and sold lumber, doing business for them in Pennsylvania and other States and looking after their lumber operations in Pennsylvania. Then he made a tour of the Southern States, looking for business opportunities and prospecting for timber. In association with L.B. Long, L.A. Brady and R.B. Vermilyea he then organized the Brookville Lumber Company, on Jan. 17, 1894, and one year later Mr. Beach purchased Mr. Vermilyea's interest, the firm remaining in existence until Jan. 8, 1897. In June, 1895, he organized the Bennett's Branch Lumber & Shingle Company, at Williamsport, Pa., in which he was a third owner, this concern buying and selling lumber, and manufacturing lumber and 24-inch white pine shingles. It was discontinued in 1901. Mr. Beach still has very extensive lumber interests, South and West, but he has continued to make his home and headquarters at Brookville, where he is still engaged in the lumber business, and other enterprises have also had the benefit of his cooperation and direction.

He was one of the original organizers of the Brookville Title & Trust Company, in 1903, and has been first vice president of that institution ever since.

Mr. Beach is noted for his inflexible integrity and keen sense of obligation in any transaction, and his credit is unimpeachable. He is farsighted and has an optimistic faith in the future of Brookville which makes him a supporter of all meritorious enterprises started in the town, where his opinion and encouragement are highly valued. He is strictly a business man, keeping clear of public affairs, though he is a Democrat, and faithful to the principles of the party in questions of general importance. Socially he affiliates with Lodge No. 301, B.P.O. Elks, at Punxsutawney.

In 1884 Mr. Beach married Josephine B. Moynihan, who was born near Killarney, Ireland, and came to America in 1878 with her parents, Jeremiah D. and Nellie (Kelly) Moynihan, natives of County Kerry, Ireland. The family settled in Jamestown, New York.

NOTE: This is yet another Beach family of German origin. Note that the given name "Adam" seems to have been common among the Germanic Beach immigrants. In addition to Adam, the father of Herman C. Beach above, we know of another Adam Beach from Germany who settled in Ohio, *See: Beach Family Journal*, Vol. VI, No. 2, p. 849, and a third who likewise settled in Pennsylvania, *See: Beach Family Journal*, Vol. VI, No. 4, pp. 928-929. *See also* the Adam Beach of Michigan who was the son of a Tobias Beach of Germany, *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. VIII, No. 4, pp. 1213-1214.

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We give this name to multi-generational lineages which either (i) supplement the accounts of "established lines" found in previously published references such as the *Beach Family Magazine*, or (ii) present information about other families whose ultimate ancestry has yet to be determined.

Some Descendants Of WILLIAM BEACH Of Torrington, Connecticut, And Hardin County, Iowa

By Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

In Vol. X, No. 2, p. 1479, we presented the following data from the 1850 Census of Connecticut:

Litchfield County, Torrington, Page 233a, Dwelling 334, Family No. 258

BEACH,	WILLIAM	48	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	MARY	38	F		Connecticut
"	JEROME B.	8	M		Connecticut
"	HOMER R.	7	M		Connecticut

As we noted at the time, this man seems the right age to be William Beach⁶, Caleb⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹, whom the *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. II, No. 1, p. 118, says was born Jan 25, 1802 (but compare Vol. III, No. 1, p. 232, which says Jan 5, 1802). This alone, however, is not a sufficient basis on which to make a definite identification and we have since seen evidence that might point in a different direction. For example, the 1840 Census shows a William Beach

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living at Goshen, Litchfield County, Connecticut, with 1 male 30-40; 1 male under 5; 1 female 60-70; 1 female 30-40; and 1 female 5-10, whom we suspect is this same man. Living nearby are an Olive Beach, a Horace A. Beach and a Henry H. Beach who, if related to William, do not seem to fit in the family of Caleb⁵.

Our inability to establish the lineage of this William Beach is all the more unfortunate since we now have considerable information about his descendants. For example, a biography of son Jerome (reprinted in the appendix below) gives the maiden name of William's wife as Mary Ann Allen. It further appears the couple had three additional children, i.e., (i) a daughter Josephine Beach, b.c. 1835; (ii) a son John M. Beach, who died of disease in 1862 while serving in the Union army, so likely born c. 1840; and (iii) a son Allen Beach, also born c. 1840. Based on this new data, we now feel two other 1850 Census entries may relate to this family, i.e.:

Litchfield County Torrington, Page 222, Dwelling No. 146, Family No. 158

Munn,	Abijah	60	M	Farmer	Connecticut

BEACH,	ALLEN	12	M		Connecticut

NOTE: Our original transcription of this entry at Vol. IX, No. 1, p. 1266, indicates this boy was deemed "Insane." Further review of the original census roll, however, shows that it was actually another member of the household, Jeremiah Munn, age 50, who is so described.

Litchfield County, Torrington, Page 234, Dwelling No. 348, Family No. 372

Hodge,	Alpheus	58	M	Farmer	Connecticut
BEACH,	PHOEBE	53	F		Connecticut
Quinlane(?),	Timothy	27	M		Ireland
Moran,	Thomas	25	M		Ireland
BEACH,	JOHN	12	M		Connecticut

NOTE: Our original transcription of this entry at Vol. X, No. 1, p. 1438, gives the name of the head of household as "Alfred Dodge." Closer examination of the original census roll, however, shows that it was actually Alpheus Hodge.

Unless we are much mistaken, this Allen and John Beach are the two additional sons of William and Mary Ann (Allen) Beach noted above. If so, then it seems reasonable to assume that Phoebe Beach, with whom John is found living, is herself related to William. She cannot be his mother, since they are only five years apart in age, but she might be an older sister or widowed sister-in-law. Note in this regard that William Beach⁶, Caleb⁵ did have a sister Phebe⁶, but that woman was born May 26, 1817, and so twenty years too young to be the Phoebe Beach above, b.c. 1797.

It remains to be seen whether we can establish the precise ancestry of this family. For the moment, however, we present the information we have been able to gather on William and his descendants. As noted, much of this comes from the biography of his son Jerome B., while other details have been gleaned from census records and a gedcom posted to Ancestry.com by one Jan M. Miller, jan.m.miller@worldnet.att.net. Should anyone have additional information, its submission would be most welcome.

1. WILLIAM BEACH - b.c. 1802 in Connecticut (since 48 on the 1850 Census); d. 1862 at Providence, Hardin County, Iowa; m. before 1841 Mary Ann Allen, b.c. 1812 in Connecticut (since 38 on the 1850 Census); d. 1877 at the home of son Allen A. Beach at Boonesboro, Boone County, Iowa. William Beach appears on the 1850 Census for Torrington, Litchfield County, Connecticut, as a farmer, age 48, with his wife Mary, age 38, and sons Jerome and Homer. In 1856 the family removed to Alden, Hardin County, Iowa, where William Beach was one of the early settlers.

ISSUE: (Order of some births uncertain)

2. JOSEPHINE JANE, b.c. 1835 in Connecticut; m. Joseph M. Loveland, b.c. 1833 in Connecticut. The 1856 Iowa State Census for Alden, Hardin County, shows Joseph M. Loveland as a carpenter, age 24, with wife Josephine Jane, age 22, and a daughter, Antonette J., age 2; all born in Connecticut. At some point, however, the family removed to Fresno, California, where Joseph M. Loveland appears on the 1880 Census as a farmer, age 47, living with his wife Josephine, age 45. The biography of her brother Jerome B. Beach indicates that Josephine was still living in California as of 1911.
 3. JOHN M., likely the John Beach, age 12 (so b.c. 1838) who appears on the 1850 Census for Torrington, Litchfield County, Connecticut, living with a Phoebe Beach, age 53. He enlisted in the 11th Iowa Infantry in Nov., 1861, but died soon after of disease. The biography of his brother Jerome B. gives his date of death as Jul 12, 1862, from "black measles," but data posted to the Hardin County, Iowa, GenWeb site say he died at Jefferson City, Iowa, January 12, 1862, of pneumonia. It is not known if he ever married or had children.
 4. ALLEN, below.
 5. JEROME BONAPART, below.
 6. HOMER R., b.c. 1842, in Connecticut; d. Mar 10, 1860, in Iowa.
4. ALLEN BEACH² (William¹) - He is likely the Allen Beach, age 12 (so b.c. 1838) who appears on the 1850 Census for Torrington, Litchfield County, Connecticut, living in the household of Abijah Munn. But compare the 1880 Census for Boonesboro, Boone County, Iowa, on which he appears as a laborer, age 39, born in Connecticut. An LDS family group sheet says he married c. 1865 Elizabeth Hull, daughter of James and Catherine (Crooks) Hull, b.c. 1846 in Iowa. The same census gives the children below, together with his mother, Mary Beach, age 66.

ISSUE: (Possibly incomplete)

7. JAMES W., below.
 8. JOSEPH M., b.c. 1870 since 10 in 1880.
 9. EDWARD A., b.c. 1872 since 8 in 1880.
 10. JEROME M., b.c. 1876 since 4 in 1880. The 1880 Census gives his birthplace as California, suggesting his parents may have followed Josephine (Beach) Loveland to that state. He appears on the 1920 Census for Boonesboro, Boone County, Iowa, as a laborer, age 44, living with his mother, Elizabeth Beach, age 73.
 11. GEORGE E., below.
5. JEROME BONAPART BEACH² (William¹) - b. Sep 15, 1841, at Litchfield County, Connecticut; d. 1929; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa; m. Dec 10, 1868, Margaret A. Moore, dau. of William and Lucinda (White) Moore, b. 1850, at Jackson County, Indiana; d. 1917; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa. See this man's biography reprinted below.

ISSUE:

12. WILLIAM H., b. May 9, 1870; died in infancy.
13. AMANDA VIOLA, b. Mar 8, 1872; d. 1956; m. Ira Eddy Seward, b. Jul 12, 1867; d. Dec 12, 1953. Their children: (i) Mary Edith Seward, b. Jan 26, 1899; (ii) Irwin Everett Seward, b. Apr 26, 1905; and (iii) Wallace Wendell Seward, b. May 25, 1906.
14. JOHN M., below.

15. SUSIE J., b. Oct 4, 1874; d. 1961; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa. She lived at the parental home and apparently never married.
16. FRANK, b. Apr 10, 1876; d. Mar 4, 1896, at age 19 years, 10 months, 24 days; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa.
17. ROBERT, below.
18. LUSANNA M., b. Apr 28, 1881; d. May 2, 1970; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa. She lived at the parental home and apparently never married.
19. FANNIE M., b. Nov 22, 1891; d. 1982; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa. She lived at the parental home and apparently never married.

7. JAMES W. BEACH³ (Allen A.², William¹) - b.c. 1866 since age 14 in 1880. He appears on the 1920 Census for Boonesboro, Boone County, Iowa, as a laborer, age 53, with a wife Isabelle, age 60, and the married daughter below.

ISSUE: (Possibly incomplete)

20. CHARLOTTE, b.c. 1898; m. ---- Wallace. She was living with her parents on the 1920 Census, next door to the family of a William Wallace, age 45, who is possibly an in-law.

11. GEORGE E. BEACH³ (Allen A.², William¹) - , b.c. 1880 since 11 months old in 1880. He appears on the 1920 Census for Boonesboro, Boone County, Iowa, as George "T." Beach, a salesman, age 39, with a wife Dora B., age 37, and the children below.

ISSUE: (Possibly incomplete)

21. CLYDE, b.c. 1904.

22. LOU, b.c. 1906.

14. JOHN M. BEACH³ (Jerome Bonaparte², William¹) - b. Jul 23, 1873; d. 1956; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa; m. Nellie A. DeWitt, b. 1875; d. 1925; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa.

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23. FRANK.

24. SARAH L.

25. JEROME.

26. PAUL W., b. Oct 10, 1903; d. Sep 24, 1998; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa; m. Lola R. ----, b. Oct 2, 1904.

27. CHELSEA.

17. ROBERT BEACH³ (Jerome Bonaparte², William¹) - b. Feb 4, 1879; d. 1956; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa; m. Nina Winslow, b. 1880; d. 1967; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa.

ISSUE:

28. BLANCHE.

29. MILDRED.

30. LUCILE, b. 1906; d. 1918; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa.

31. CLARENCE H., below.

31. CLARENCE H. BEACH⁴ (Robert³, Jerome Bonaparte², William¹) - b. Jun 3, 1909; d. Sep 16, 1993; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa; m. Mar 1, 1930, Elpha L. ---, b. Jun 10, 1909; d. Jul 22, 1991; bur. at New Providence Cemetery, Providence, Hardin County, Iowa.

ISSUE:

32. NINA MAE
33. KAREN.
34. CARMEN.

Appendix: Biography of Jerome B. Beach

The following is taken from William J. Moir, Editor, *Past and Present of Hardin County, Iowa*, B.F. Bowen, Indianapolis (1911), pp. 954-956:

JEROME B. BEACH - One of the most up-to-date agriculturists of Providence township, Hardin county, is Jerome B. Beach, a man who has succeeded in life because he has directed his energies along proper lines and has been persistent in following up the dictates of his sound judgment. He comes to us from the old Nutmeg state, having been born of an excellent old New England family in Litchfield county, Connecticut, September 15, 1841. He is the son of William and Mary Ann (Allen) Beach, both natives of the same locality as the subject. It was in 1856 that the father brought his family to Alden, Iowa, where he secured a farm and began life as a first settler, developing his place from the wild state into an excellent farm and establishing a good home there. His death occurred in Providence township, Hardin county, in 1862. His widow survived until 1877, when she died in Boone county, Iowa. They were the parents of four sons and one daughter, namely: Josephine, who married Joseph Loveland, lives in California; John M., who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, died July 12, 1862, with black measles; Allen died in 1910 at Boone, Iowa; Jerome B., of this review; Homer died March 30, 1860.

Jerome B. Beach received only a limited education in the home schools, having been compelled to work out as early as the age of ten. He lived at home until his father's death. In 1863 he bought a farm of eighty acres in section 12, Providence township, Hardin county. It was raw land, but he went to work with a will and soon had an excellent farm developed and a good home established, building a commodious and comfortable house on the place in 1870. There he made his home until he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in section 11, of the same township, where he has since lived. He has made all the improvements on the place and now has one of the best kept and valuable farms of its size in the township, and he has a very pleasantly located dwelling and good outbuildings. He handles an excellent grade of live stock. He started out in a small way, but has surmounted every obstacle in his road to success and is now living retired, having ceased hard work on the place several years ago.

Mr. Beach was married on December 10, 1868, to Margaret Moore, who was born in Jackson county, Indiana, and who is the daughter of William and Lucinda (White) Moore, both natives of North Carolina. They were among the early settlers in Jackson county, Indiana, with their respective parents, and there they were married. In 1865 they came to Marshall county, Iowa, and bought land and there Mr. Moore's first wife died. He later married Mary Whinery. Mr. Moore spent the last years of his life with the subject and there his death occurred in 1898. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore were born the following children: Margaret, wife of Mr. Beach; Thomas, a farmer at Monticello, Minnesota; Eliza married Elias Bueghly and lives at Liscomb, Iowa; Charles is a farmer in Marshall county, Iowa; Ella, now deceased, married Jacob Cook; William is an implement dealer at Liscomb, Iowa; Marieta married Linn Trumbull and he is deceased.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Beach: William H., born May 4, 1870, died in infancy; Amanda V., born March 8, 1872, married Edward Seward, a farmer of Providence township, this county, and they have three children, Mary E., Everett and Wallace; John M., born July 23, 1873, married Nellie DeWitt; they are living on a farm in Providence township, Hardin county, and have five children, Frank, Sarah L., Jerome, Paul and Chelsea; Susie, born October 4, 1874, is living at home; Frank, born April 10, 1876, died when nineteen years of age; Robert, born February 4, 1879, married Nina Winslow, and they have four children, Blanche, Mildred, Lucile and Clarence H. Their father farms the old home place. Lusana Beach was born April 28, 1881, and is living at home; Fannie was born November 22, 1891, also at home. These children have all received very good educations in the home schools and New Providence Academy, and Amanda V. and Lusana made successful teachers.

Mr. Beach is a man who takes considerable interest in local political affairs, and he has very ably held several of the township offices. He votes the Republican ticket and is loyal in his support of the party's principles. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at New Providence and is a liberal supporter of the same. He is known as a man of honorable character and fair dealing among his fellow men, and therefore has a wide circle of friends who repose in him the utmost confidence. He is a director in the bank at Providence.

THE 1850 CENSUS PROJECT

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Abstracted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

Essex County

ARTEMAS H. BEACH, *Wilmington, Essex County, New York, Page 161, Dwelling 2303, Family 2076*

BEACH,	ARTEMAS H.	45	M	Farmer	New York
"	LORENA	42	F		New York
"	WALTER	19	M	Farmer	New York
"	MARY	18	F		New York
"	PHEBE	16	F		New York
"	BENAJER	13	M		New York
"	MARIA	11	F		New York
"	LUCINDA	9	F		New York
"	LORENA	7	F		New York
"	ARTEMAS	5	M		New York
"	FRANKLIN	1	M		New York
Norton,	Washington	22	M	Laborer	New York
Carpenter,	George	21	M	Laborer	Vermont
Harrison,	Harry	22	M	Laborer	New York

NOTE: This is Artemus Hawley Beach⁷, Elah⁶, Joseph⁵, Joseph⁴, Benjamin³, Azariah², Richard¹, b. Aug 1, 1805; d. Aug --, 1898; m. Lurena Herns. The family subsequently removed to Battle Creek, Michigan, not far from where other descendants of Joseph⁵ also settled. Son WALTER, a/k/a Henry Walter Beach⁸, was the father of Rex E. Beach⁹, the noted novelist. Artemus Hawley Beach⁷ had at

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least two other children, i.e., Nathan W. Beach⁸, b.c. 1828; d. Apr 28, 1829, and Lyman Fowler Beach⁸, m. Clara Jean Miller. See also the entry for this man's brother, HORACE BEACH.

HORACE BEACH, *Wilmington, Essex County, New York, Page 174, Dwelling 2477, Family 2557*

BEACH,	HORACE	30	M	Cabinet Maker	New York
"	CLARISSA	28	F		New York
"	CHARLOTTE	2	F		New York
"	SALLY	1	F		New York
Lewis,	Ellen	13	F		New York

NOTE: This is Horace Beach⁷, Elah⁶, Joseph⁵, Joseph⁴, Benjamin³, Azariah², Richard¹, b. Dec 5, 1818; d. Apr 1, 1905; m. Clarissa Harrison. In addition to daughters CHARLOTTE and SALLY the couple had six other children, i.e., Seward Conery Beach⁸, b. Oct 15, 1851; Willis Phelps Beach⁸, b. Feb 15, 1854; Horace Beach, Jr.⁸, b. Jun 20, 1856; Herbert A. Beach⁸, b. Nov 25, 1858; Elah Beach⁸, b. Feb 10, 1861; and Henry Chester Beach⁸, b. Apr 12, 1866. The family eventually moved to Wisconsin. For more on this man See: *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. X, No. 1, pp. 1413-1414, for an obituary and news clipping. See also the entry for his brother, ARTEMAS BEACH.

JOSEPH BEACH, *Lewis, Essex County, New York, Page 124, Dwelling 1797, Family 1853*

BEACH,	JOSEPH	30	M	Laborer	Canada
"	SOPHIA	29	F		Canada
"	JOSEPH	9	M		Vermont
"	MARIE	8	F		Vermont
"	SARAH	7	F		Vermont
"	ESTHER	3	F		New York
"	JUNE	2	F		New York

NANCY BEACH, *Chesterfield, Essex County, New York, Page 243, Dwelling 3430, Family 3508*

Page,	Norman	48	M		New York
Page,	Adelia	31	F		Vermont
BEACH,	NANCY	38	F		Vermont

BEACH,	DAVID S.	24	M		New York
(none given)	Mary	16	F		New York

NOTE: These are members of the family of Benjamin Phelps Beach⁶, Joseph⁵, Joseph⁴, Benjamin³, Azariah², Richard¹, b. Jul 2, 1791; d. Mar 8, 1831. Adelia Page is his daughter, Adelia Beach⁷, who married Norman Page on Sep 9, 1845, while DAVID S. BEACH is his son, b. Apr 6, 1826. Despite her listed age we suspect NANCY BEACH to be Nancy Cook, b. Jun 30, 1793, widow of Benjamin Phelps Beach⁶, as we know of no daughter Nancy in the family. The original census roll lists no last name for Mary, age 16, so it is unclear if she was named Beach or something else.

W. C. BEACH, *Essex, Essex County, New York, Page 72, Dwelling 1067, Family 1104*

BEACH,	W. C.	34	M	Carpenter	Vermont
"	MELINDA	37	F		New York
"	HENRY	10	M		New York
"	GEORGE	8	M		New York
"	SUSAN	7	F		New York
"	CHARLES	5	M		New York

Franklin County

ALEXANDER BEACH, *Bombay, Franklin County, New York, p. 218, Dwelling 1598, Family 1634*

BEACH,	ALEXANDER	28	M	Farmer	Canada East
"	MARY	20	F		Canada East
Parker,	Margaret	19	F		Canada East
BEACH,	FRANCIS	3/12	M		New York

NOTE: Given their ages and common birth in Canada East (Quebec), it seems reasonable to assume MARY BEACH and Margaret Parker were sisters. Otherwise, we have yet to identify this family.

CLARENCE BEECH, *Malone, Franklin County, New York, Page 47, Dwelling 658, Family 686*

Pangborn,	John W.	26	M	Druggist	Vermont
Pangborn,	Palia E.	20	F		New York
BEECH,	CLARENCE	16	M		Vermont

NOTE: This is probably the same CLARENCE BEECH, age 16, born in Vermont, found in the household of ORREN U. BEECH below. He was likely working for Pangborn when the census taker visited, then returned home before the census taker arrived at his father's home. Such "double entries" are not uncommon.

LAURA BEACH, *Chateaugay, Franklin County, New York, Page 169, Dwelling 933, Family 966*

Langfeau,	Edward	50	M	Sawyer	Canada East
Langfeau,	Rozana	26	F		Canada East

BEACH,	LAURA	19	F		Canada East

NOTE: See also the entry for ROSA BEACH, in which several Beach children are living with a Usules Langfeau.

ORREN U. BEECH, *Malone, Franklin County, New York, Page 28, Dwelling 390, Family 399*

BEECH,	ORREN U.	44	M	Farmer	Massachusetts
"	MEHITABLE	39	F		Maine
"	CLARENCE	16	M		Vermont
"	ORREN U., JR.	12	M		Vermont
"	MANLY(?) S.	11/12	M		New York
Gilbert,	Angelina	14	F		New York

NOTE: Based on his age and place of birth we suspect CLARENCE BEECH to be the same as that above. Note this family employed the "ee" spelling of the last name.

ROSA BEACH, *Chateaugay, Franklin County, New York, pp. 159-160, Dwellings 799, 800, Families 834, 835*

Family 834

Mitchell,	Sidney	33	M	Farmer	New York
Mitchell,	Lucy	32	F		Canada East

BEACH,	ROSA	59	F		Canada East

Family 835

Langfeau,	Usules (Ulysses?)	22	M	Laborer	Canada East
Langfeau,	Lucy	22	F		Canada East
Langfeau,	Rosa	10	F		New York
BEACH,	ALSADA	8	M		New York
"	MARY	7	F		New York
"	STEPHEN	5	M		New York
"	JOSEPH	3	M		New York

NOTE: We consider these consecutive entries together since they appear to be one larger family. We suspect ROSA BEACH is mother to either Lucy Mitchell or Lucy Langfeau and that Rosa Langfeau is named in her honor, while ALSADA, MARY, STEPHEN and JOSEPH may be younger children. See also the entry for LAURA BEACH who is living with an Edward Langfeau.

Fulton County

AMOS BEACH, *Johnstown, Fulton County, New York, Page 62, Dwelling 950, Family 994*

BEACH,	AMOS	57	M	Farmer	New York
"	SARAH	57	F		New York
"	GILES	24	M	Organ Builder	New York
Richmond(?),	Frances	19	F		England
Mills,	William	19	M	Laborer	Scot(land)
Demster,	Mary	15	F		New York
Giles,	Susannah	88	F		Massachusetts

NOTE: This is Amos Beach⁶, Amos⁵, Amos⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹, b. Feb 20, 1793; m. 1st, Huldah Gillette; m. 2nd, Apr 5, 1825, Sarah Giles, b. May 26, 1792. See the items we previously published on this family at Vol. X, No. 2, pp. 1459-1460. We suspect Susannah Giles to be the mother of Sarah (Giles) Beach.

CHRISTIAN BEACH, *Johnstown, Fulton County, New York, Page 90, Dwelling 1388, Family 1456*

Johnson,	R. H.	35	M	Innkeeper	New York
Johnson,	Ann S.	32	F		New York

BEACH,	CHRISTIAN	40	M	D.S.D.	Germany

NOTE: This man was one of several living at Johnson's inn at the time the census was taken. We are uncertain of the meaning of "D.S.D."

RUFUS BEACH, *Johnstown, Fulton County, New York, Page 67, Dwelling 1035, Family 1081.*

BEACH,	RUFUS	49	M	Coop(er) & Pan?	Massachusetts
"	CHARLES	17	M	Coop(er) & Pan?	New York
"	MARY	12	F		New York
Harris,	Betsey	60	F		New York
Easterly,	Thomas	20	M	Cooper	New York

NOTE: Even though this family lived near that of AMOS BEACH above, we know of no connection between them. Note that this RUFUS was born in Massachusetts c. 1801, by which time the family of Amos Beach⁵ had already been settled several years in New York. The occupation of both RUFUS

and son CHARLES is unclear. The first word is most likely an abbreviation for "cooper" (which is written in full in the case of Thomas Easterly), but the second word is difficult to read. It would seem this man's wife may have died early, while Betsey Harris may well be his mother-in-law, helping to raise the children.

Genesee County

LAZAREUS BEACH, *Alexander, Genesee County, New York, Page 153, Dwelling 268, Family 279*

BEACH,	LAZAREUS	44	M	Grocer	Connecticut
"	BETSEY	38	F		Connecticut
Keyes,	Emerson W.	22	M	Teacher	New York

NOTE: This is Lazarus Beach⁶, Isaac⁵, Lazarus⁴, John³, Isaac², John¹, b. Jul 28, 1805; d. Sep 20, 1851; bur. at Railroad Avenue Cemetery, Alexander, Genesee County, New York. While we previously knew his ancestry, we were not aware he ever married. Note, in this regard, that Lazarus⁶ had an older sister named Betsey Beach⁶ who herself never married, and so might be the BETSEY above, although the ages are inconsistent and Betsey⁶ is said by others to have died in 1846. In all events it does not appear this man had children.

SEYMOUR G. BEACH, *Bethany, Genesee County, New York, Page 130, Dwelling 289, Family 301*

BEACH,	SEYMOUR G.	43	M	Laborer	Vermont
"	ELIZABETH	42	F		New York
"	SEYMOUR C.	14	M		New York
"	HILAND S.	18	M	Laborer	New York
"	ELIZABETH P.	16	F		New York
"	FEDELIA	12	F		New York
"	ADNA O.	10	M		New York

NOTE: This is Seymour Giles Beach⁷, Highland/Hiland, Linus⁵, Linus⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹, b. Nov 2, 1806, at Middlebury, Vermont; m. Elizabeth Benchley. This census record supplements the account of this man's family we published in Vol. X, No. 2, pp. 1461-1464. For example, it confirms our suspicion that he had a daughter, Elizabeth P.⁸ It also adds two previously unknown children, SEYMOUR C. and FEDELIA (Phidelia?), about whom we know nothing further. Son ADNA O. is usually called Adney Orlando Beach⁸.

Hamilton County

MATTHEW BEACH, *Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York, Page 27, Dwelling 601, Family 610*

BEACH,	MATTHEW	63	M	None	Massachusetts
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NOTE: We wonder if, despite a slight difference in age, this might be Mathew/Matthew Beach⁶, John⁵, John⁴, John³, Isaac², John¹, b. Nov 5, 1792; d. Apr —, 1872, apparently unmarried and without issue?

Herkimer County

ALLEN R. BEACH, *Fairfield, Herkimer County, New York, Page 183, Dwelling 62, Family 62*

BEACH,	ALLEN R.	53	M	Farmer	New York
"	AMY B.	47	F		New York
"	AMY E.	14	F		New York

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"	CALVIN G.	10	M	New York
"	WARDWELL	4	M	New York
Carpenter,	Elizabeth	76	F	New York

NOTE: This is Allen R. Beach⁶, Amos⁵, Amos⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹, b. Mar 8, 1797; d. May 3, 1879; m. Amy a/k/a Ancy Brown Carpenter; presumably the daughter of Elizabeth Carpenter above. The couple had two additional, older children who are not listed on this census, i.e., Mary Elizabeth Beach⁷, b. Dec 4, 1823; and Allen Carpenter Beach⁷, b. Oct 9, 1825.

EBENEZER J. BEACH, *Ohio, Herkimer County, New York, Page 273, Dwelling 33, Family 33*

BEACH,	EBENEZER J.	34	M	Farmer	New York
"	LORISSA	32	F		New York
"	MARY ANN	13	F		New York
"	CALVIN	11	M		New York
"	JAMES W.	6	M		New York

NOTE: We initially thought this might be Ebenezer Beach⁷, James⁶, Ebenezer⁵, Joseph⁴, Ephriam³, Nathaniel², John¹, but that Ebenezer was apparently born c. 1805 and appears on the 1850 Census for Portage, Livingston County, New York, not far from his brother John Levi Beach⁷.

REFERENCE

Josiah Priest's Stories Of The Early Settlers:
The Original Account Of TIMOTHY BEACH⁵
As Told By His Grandson

Part V

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NOTE: We herewith present the final installment of Josiah's Priest's account of his mother and maternal grandfather, beginning with his description of yet another disaster which the Beach family faced in their new wilderness home.

[Continue Page 24] On the sixth of October¹, the winds began to blow from the south, indicating rain; the thick vapors scudding rapidly along the angry heavens, darkening the whole horizon. Presently the rain began to dash in slanting torrents to the earth. Soon, however the wind which was furious, veered around and blew from the north, when the clouds seemed a little disposed to break and scatter. This was cheering, for on the coming up of the storm they had feared an immediate inundation of all their fields which lay on the margin of the river, the back of which

¹ This is presumably October 6, 1785, i.e., some eleven months after Timothy Beach⁵ and his family had settled.

was very low along their whole course. But this respite of their fears proved but of short duration, for soon the whirling clouds resumed their blackness, and again poured down their overwhelming waters. Soon the small brooks and rills rapidly swelling, came tumbling from the mountains to aid the coming deluge in the Susquehannah. It was now near night, which soon set in, and hid by its terrible darkness the sight of devastation and danger. But sleep, she [i.e., Deborah (Beach⁶) Priest] says, came not to her eyelids that night, notwithstanding the down pouring rain and roaring winds; all night long she watched the progress of the rising waters, frequently loosening the batteau and canoe, till by daylight they were moored at the *threshold* of the door, which ascertained at least, a rise of water full ten feet in a few hours. The utmost of their fears was now realized, as they were entirely surrounded by the overflowing river, the house being on the highest ground. Their fields lay whelmed beneath the flood, while the brown deluge passed by with dreadful roaring, bearing on its bosom huge trees, drift-wood, and stacks of hay which had been gathered on the little meadows above. Wheat and rye in the sheaf, pumpkins and flax torn up by the roots, or swept away in the stack or bundle, all afloat in one promiscuous ruin; the rain subsided, the waters fell, the fields soon appeared again; but *all* was lost.

At the time of this flood there was a man living below them on the banks of the river, by the name of BACON, whose habit was to live entirely alone; such was his constitutional make that he could not endure the company of any one, especially that of a woman. During the night the water had risen so rapidly, that it surrounded his hut while he was asleep, and swept away his canoe. When he awoke he found himself totally insulated, rendering it impossible for him to escape, and the water still rising, when at length involved and swept away his [Begin Page 25] house. But having foreseen this event he had climbed into the top of a large elm which grew close to his hut, where he remained three days before his situation was known, with nothing to subsist on but a raw pumpkin; this happened to drift against the flood-wood which had lodged against his tree, and others that stood around. This he contrived to come at by sliding down, holding fast to the small limbs, which grow very low on the elm, till his feet touched the flood-wood, when he seized the pumpkin by the stem with one hand, and then reascended to devour it. Yet after all he learned nothing from this severe lesson, of the value of human society, but continued a misanthrope to the end of his days. In after years he was known as a miser; but living as a hermit by himself, and being watched, as it is reported, by a knavish fellow, was seen by him to bring a quantity of specie in a very secret manner in the woods, amounting to about four hundred dollars, which at a convenient time, the spy on the movements of the poor old fellow, seized and bore away, giving it once more a free circulation among mortals of a more sociable turn of mind, while Bacon was left to mourn over the empty place, where once reposed the glittering dollars, his only company.

We now, says Mrs. Priest, betook ourselves to gather what we could from among the mud and sand, from the willows and flood-wood along the banks of the river, which was now our *only* hope against another dreadful winter. Alas! thought I, whither shall we flee for help; reduced as we now are, by this sad providence, to the verge of ruin. As for me, I found myself nearly destitute of clothing and saw no way but to leave my home in quest of work, to earn among strangers the habiliments of dress and comforts of life.

But whither could I go; there were none living near but were in a similar situation with myself, and had lost their all in the same way, and could not therefore, employ me, either to their own advantage or mine. Accordingly, in company with my father, I went very soon after this occurrence, in a canoe up the river, toward the place now called Cooperstown, in quest of employment. A few miles below this place lived a family with whom my father was acquainted, whose circumstances in life were independent; where, through his influence, I obtained a temporary home.

From this house he pursued his course up to the place above named, from which on the next day he returned to where I was, and tarried all night. But oh! the parting moment was soon to come, when I must hear the solemn words, "farewell Deborah" from the lips of my father, as I had a few days before from those of my mother, and perhaps never to see them more.

This was tearing the untouched ligaments of filial affection, which amid all the sorrows through which I had passed, till now had remained untried. But the moment came, when he presented me with a green waist ribband [sic], saying "*be a good girl and remember me.*" Amid tears fast flowing from my eyes, I saw his solemn face, when he turned away, never again to look upon his child; for I saw him *no more*.

After awhile I left this place, and went farther toward the Mohawk in quest of another. The day on which I left this family was a gloomy one, for it snowed fast, and the distance to where I wished to go was twenty miles - the same now known as Cherry Valley. The way was chiefly through woods, where there were no inhabitants on the road. I set out on horseback - but alone. Many were the sad reflections which passed my mind at this time; I remembered the comforts of former days, in the land of my nativity, old Connecticut; but now was reduced to taste a cup of which I had never dreamed while there.

During these reflections, while descending along the deep narrow snow path down a steep hill into a hemlock gulf, the gloom of which approached to that of night, suddenly a monstrous wolf darted into the road, and stopped just before me. I knew not what to do; terror in an instant had frozen all my powers, so that I was nearly past feeling; it glared upon me a few moments, then slowly retired into the woods, constantly looking back, as if hesitating whether to attack or flee. [Begin Page 26]

At length I came to the little settlement where so much was endured from the knife and tomahawk of the Indians in the Revolution, under Brant [whose likeness we have given in the plate,] where I was a total stranger, and where I was to leave the horse on which I had rode, to be returned the first opportunity. Here was an inn kept by a Mr. Canon; at this house I alighted, it being the most natural stopping place for a stranger. To this family my father was partially known, which was my only introduction.

I told them the story of my misfortune, and that of the whole settlement, in consequence of which I wished to be employed, to earn for myself a maintenance. My youth - for I was but seventeen - and a knowledge of the sufferings of the settlers down the Susquehannah, occasioned as I have related, interested these people greatly in my favor. They immediately told me there was then a gentleman in the house, who lived on the Mohawk, and that he had made enquiry for some young woman to aid his aged mother in housekeeping. Instantly a thought flashed across my mind, that God had now provided for me, and had sent this person to the very *place*, and at the very *time*, when most I needed help. But notwithstanding this consoling persuasion, I felt extremely embarrassed, my heart trembled, for I knew that I was wholly unacquainted with the accomplishments a person of my age ought to be in possession of, and did not know but I might be rejected on that account, as they told me that person was a *Judge*, and that his house and manner of living was the *first* the country afforded. However superior the advantages on this account might be to me, yet I deeply felt I had much rather go and work for some owner of a humble log house, such as one as I had been accustomed to while at home. But instead of experiencing embarrassment and confusion, when introduced, I found a sensation of an entire different character; so amiable was his countenance, and his voice so conciliating, that confidence came immediately to my relief. He enquired my name and parentage, the reason why I sought employment, so young and so far from home, - when I told him the story of our misfortunes, as I had the family before; to which he gave his earnest attention to the end, and then told me that his mother, he thought, would be suited with such an one as I appeared to be. I now left the inn, in company with this gentleman, ISAAC PARRIS by name, who in the course of about two hours ride, brought me to his home.² After an introduction to the family, which consisted of his mother, a sister, and several laboring men, I entered upon the duties of my station, with a heart

² We believe this to be Isaac Paris/Parris, Jr., son of Col. Isaac Paris/Parris of Montgomery County, New York. The elder Isaac Paris came from Strasburg, Germany, and settled at Stone Arabia, Montgomery County, New York, c. 1737. He was a successful merchant and an early Patriot during the Revolution. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Oriskany and subsequently murdered by Indians allied with the British. Col. Isaac Paris had three sons - Daniel, who married Catherine Irving, sister of Washington Irving; Peter; and Isaac, Jr.

Isaac Paris, Jr. eventually settled at Fort Plain, New York, and built a large frame house; presumably the one where Deborah Beach⁶ was employed. This residence - now called the Paris-Bleeker House - still stands and serves as the local D.A.R. hall and museum. Deborah Beach's description of this man's kindness is by no means unique. Local histories record that, in 1789, settlers south of Utica suffered a severe crop failure and faced certain ruin. In response, Paris is said to have proclaimed "No matter about the pay. Your women and children must not be allowed to starve. Take what you need to feed them, and if, at any time in your future you are able to pay for it, it will be well, but your families must not be allowed to starve." In gratitude for such generosity, the settlers named their town Paris in his honor, See: the Fort Klock Historic Restoration web site at <http://www.fortklock.com/paris.htm>

as cheerful as a poor unfortunate could be, torn away as I was, by stern necessity, from the home I loved, although that home was now a scene of sorrow and woe.

Six months had elapsed since coming to this place, when after the toils of the day, I had retired to rest and fallen asleep, and dreamed that I was engrossed in the cares and business of my calling, when there came running toward me a huge black dog, which instantly seized both my hands in his mouth, and seemed to bite them through and through; but not content with this, he still continued to hold them fast between his dreadful teeth. So great was the terror of my mind that I screamed, and awoke with a fright, trembling and weeping, scarcely persuading myself that the dream was not a reality.

On my relating this to the family, it was immediately interpreted to be an omen of evil which was to befall me,³ and whether it was an omen or not, an evil *did* befall me, of a most calamitous kind, as but a few days after the dream, the morning of which I had passed in uncommon mirth and hilarity, a stranger was seen galloping on horseback toward the house, when on coming opposite to it, he reigned up, and immediately in a hurried manner enquired of Deborah Beach, which was my maiden name, when I lived there.

Instantly my heart beat with violence, forecasting in my mind that some bad intelligence was pending; as soon therefore, as the messenger was directed to me, he imparted the appalling account of my father's death - that he had been drowned in the Susquehanna. Had a clap of thunder from the clouds, burst in peals suddenly around me, the shock could not been [sic] more severe than was this annunciation. I [Begin Page 27] cried a loud and bitter cry, which I found impossible to repress: "*Oh my father, my father!*" The family came hastily to know the reason of my trouble, but turned silently away, well knowing that any attempts to comfort me at such a moment as this, would be useless: that dreadful hour will never be lost from my memory. I now resolved to return immediately to my widowed mother, and to my companions in orphanage⁴, well knowing that they were in want of all things, as they were yet suffering the privations, occasioned by the destruction of their field the fall before, and that now their *last* hope was taken from them by death.

After a settlement of my accounts with this worthy family, I took my leave, when they bestowed graciously the sum of eight dollars over and above my proper wages, as a token of the interest they took in my afflictions.⁵ On my way to the head of Otsego lake, I bought a bushel of wheat, and got it floured there, where I also procured a passage in a batteau down the lake and river, being an unexpected opportunity, which was a distance of fifty miles to where my mother was. On the third day I came within sight of my home, my heart palpitated with fears lest I should find my poor dear mother overwhelmed with sorrow and despair. A view of the little log house, with some of the children about it, and the recollection that my father was no more, flung over the natural buoyancy of youthful imagination a cheerlessness - a desolation which mocks description.

But soon they landed me, and pursued their way, while I hastened, prepared for the worst, to embrace my mother. I entered the door, but instead of my only parent flying to take me in her arms, which I had a right to expect, she only gazed with a sort of vacant stare, not seeming to know me. I was shocked exceedingly, being scarcely able to stand upon my feet from agitation, awfully fearing that she was deranged. At length she seemed to recollect

³ For a discussion of Puritan belief in dreams as "signs and portents," see our footnote 12 at Vol. XI, No. 1, p. 1588. Those involving black dogs have long been regarded as ominous. See, e.g: Orient Eye web site, "Symbols & Dreams" at http://www.orienteye.com/english/symbol_03.asp ["... if in the dream the dog is black or is barking, then it's ill omen..."] For an interesting discussing of the occult symbolism of black dogs generally, See: At The Edge web site, "Black Dogs In Folklore" at <http://www.indigogroup.co.uk/edge/bdogfl.htm>. J. K. Rowling makes use of black dogs in her Harry Potter stories, where they are called by their old English names of "grim" and "padfoot."

⁴ Derived from the Greek *orphanos*, and Late Latin *orphamus*, "orphan" is most commonly used today to describe the loss of *both* parents, but the word itself is not so limited. The on-line *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* both recognize its use to describe the loss of one or both parents.

⁵ Here is further evidence of Isaac Paris' generosity. Per an "Inflation Calculator" found at <http://www.westegg.com/inflation/>, \$8.00 in 1800 (the earliest year which can be entered) would be worth \$81.26 in 2002.

hereself a little, and rose to embrace me, expressing a kind of gloomy joy, but far enough from unmixed parental happiness; the children at the same time gathering round, laughed amid their tears to see me.

I found them as I anticipated, entirely destitute of bread, and therefore hastened to relieve them with the flour which I had provided. But on opening the sack, what was my surprise to find that the unprincipled miller had taken one half of it and substituted in its place *indian-meal*, which notwithstanding, made very good bread, yet afforded on that account no apology for the miller, as on his part it was an absolute theft.

They were also nearly destitute of clothes, on which account I lingered not to distribute among them those I had procured during my eight months servitude, two months at the first place, and six at the house of Judge Parris. A few days only passed away after my return, when my mother began to be more resigned and cheerful: new hopes sprung up from the encouragement of conversation, and from my exertions to make them more comfortable. However, it was evident that a settled melancholly had seized her for its victim, which never left her till it ended in complete distraction, out of which she finally emerged, not however till her *last* sickness, when the *one* fixed and *direful* thought, which had led her to despair of final salvation, was suddenly extinguished by strong and certain hope of eternal happiness through the great Redeemer.⁶

I now learned more perfectly the manner of my father's death. He had undertaken to convey a man and his goods, which consisted of the apparatus of a blacksmith's shop [sic - should be "shop"], a considerable way down the river, in a canoe, at a time when the river overflowed its banks, called the *June freshet*. But while in pursuance of the enterprise, he came not far from the spot where he had slept in the woods with his little son, when on their way to view the lands of Harper, two years before - the story of which is already related - at the time when his father came to him in a dream, as the ready may recollect. When not far from this very place, the canoe upset, with all its iron furniture, where he was drowned; almost persuading one to believe, from the coincidence of the *place* where he was warned, and the *place* where he met his fate, that the dream was intended as a prophetic allusion to this catastrophe. [Begin Page 28] He remained in the water eleven days, when he was found by an Indian, having been carried by the current about twenty miles, and lodged among the floodwood which had accumulated at the head of an island.

From amidst the floating drift-wood, he was taken and placed, not in a coffin as the custom is, but in the bark of a large hemlock tree, which was peeled [sic] on the occasion; in this he was laid, with his clothes on, as they found him, it being impossible to remove him further than merely to the shore, on account of the great change which had passed upon him, by having lain so long in the water. Here in the woods they buried him, without a coffin, shroud, or mourners, almost in the same manner that the young man was buried who starved in the woods of the Androscoggin, the story of whom we have already told. The place which contains his ashes is marked by two twin cherry trees standing on the left side of the road going to the south, five miles below the populous village of Binghampton, near the house known as that of *Colonel Todd*, on the Susquehannah.

Thus ended the life of my beloved father; a man who had visited other climes, had braved the terrors of a stormy sea, whose soul was made of sympathies, feeling for the sorrows of others, enterprising, but of a restless disposition, possessed of great vivacity, conciliating in his manners, beautiful in his person, enjoying the good wishes of all who knew him; but in the end was doomed to die alone, to be crushed and bruised among the floating timber of a wayward stream, leaving behind a numerous family of orphan children to grapple with the unavoidable difficulties of an almost helpless condition in a new country.

NOTE: At this point Priest's narrative turns to the story of his father, Joseph a/k/a Josiah Priest, his marriage to Deborah (Beach) Priest, etc., with little further mention of Timothy Beach⁵ or other members of the Beach family. While no less facinating as the rest of Priest's account, its length and arguably more limited interest precludes its verbatim presentation here, although we hope one day to use such material in a biography of

⁶ We have difficulty, however, squaring this description of protracted despair with the fact Abigail (Bennett) Beach would soon remarry, in 1799, Jehiel Ferris.

Deborah (Beach) Priest herself. Until then we again express our thanks to John H. Beach for locating and sharing with us this remarkable reference.

ARTICLES AND NOTES

The Preacher on Horseback in New England, Or Oral Family History Comes Alive

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When I was a young boy in the early 1950's, I was told by my father Bill Clark¹⁰ that we had a Beach ancestor who had been a preacher on horseback in New England. The image that this piece of history evoked made a memory that I was never to forget. In hindsight I suspect that this family lore had been passed down in turn from ancestors Agnes Joanna (Snudden) Clark⁹, Agnes Joanna (Beach) Snudden⁸, Amzi Axtell Beach⁷, and Charles Beach⁶.

In 1997, shortly after being bitten in earnest by the genealogy bug, I was browsing the stacks of the Florida state archives. I came upon volume XLI of the *Lineage Book, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution* which was printed in 1915. Although the DAR ceased publication of these books in the 1930's, and there is some question about the accuracy of some of the entries, I have found this source to be an interesting way to locate possible distant cousins.

On page 154 of this *Lineage Book*, lineage #40404, Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers (Beach) Harris claims descent from Major Henry Axtell⁵⁻²⁰ of the Morris County, New Jersey, militia during the Revolutionary War. The lineage of Mrs. Harris was through her grandfather, Nathaniel Beach, who is Nathaniel⁶, Samuel⁵, Captain Joseph⁴, Epenetus³, Zophar², Thomas¹. Nathaniel⁶, born 1809, is the younger brother of my great-grandfather Charles⁶, born at Mendham, New Jersey, in 1795. Charles⁶ and Nathaniel⁶ are both grandchildren of Major Henry Axtell through their mother, Lurana (Axtell) Beach, wife of Samuel Beach⁵. Cora and Alfred Beach, editors of the *Beach Family Magazine*, identify Nathaniel⁶ on pages 102 and 201 as the "Rev. Nathaniel Beach." Could Nathaniel⁶ be my Beach relative on horseback?

Fast forward to June, 2003, where at family camp in Vermont I was seated across the dining table from a retired Congregational minister. This gentleman had recently moved to Dorset, Vermont. I told him the story passed down by my father and asked him to check the history of the Congregational church in Dorset when he returned home. Could my Nathaniel possibly have been connected to the church in Dorset?

Further discussion with this kind retired minister provided a most valuable suggestion. If Nathaniel Beach⁶ were indeed a Congregational minister, then the Congregational Library in Boston (14 Beacon Street) might have some information. What a delightful understatement! A contact by me to the library resulted in a letter three days later to my home in Tallahassee, Florida, with a wealth of information. Reverend Nathaniel Beach⁶ was graduated from Williams

College in 1832 (quite a trip from New Jersey in those days!). In 1836 he was graduated from Andover Theological Seminary and ordained the following year in Millbury, Massachusetts. The 1850 Federal census finds Nathaniel⁶ in Millbury with his wife, Elizabeth, and sister Ann Beach⁶ (age 42). In 1857 he moved to Little Compton, Rhode Island, where he served as minister for ten years. During the years 1868-1878, he was acting pastor in Woodstock, Connecticut. This was followed by a number of years in Mansfield, Connecticut. On the surface, this would appear to be a *prima facie* case for a "minister on horseback in New England."

As an aside, it is interesting to note that Nathaniel's uncle, Reverend Henry Axtell⁶⁻³⁹, also of Mendham and a son of Major Henry Axtell, was the first American Axtell to get a college degree at Princeton in 1796. One can only speculate if it were his encouragement that motivated Nathaniel Beach⁶ to attend college as well as seek out the ministry. Although the Reverend Henry Axtell (1773-1829), a Presbyterian minister, died before Nathaniel⁶ graduated from Williams, Henry also left a legacy as one of the founders of Geneva Academy (New York), out of which grew Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

An archival search of the *New York Times* for Reverend Nathaniel Beach⁶ turns up a Beach family tragedy. In an article dated January 22, 1884, and entitled "Identifying the Dead," the author describes the wreck of the vessel *City of Columbus* off Gay Head (Martha's Vineyard) in which 103 people died. One of the dead is described as Miss Elizabeth R. Beach⁷ of Mansfield, Connecticut, age 36. Elizabeth was the daughter of Reverend Nathaniel⁶ and his first wife, Elizabeth Rogers Jackson. The article goes on to note that Elizabeth was "...widely known both in this country and France by her labors on behalf of the now famous McCall Mission." Interment was in Woodstock Hill Cemetery, Woodstock, Connecticut. This cemetery is also the final resting place for her parents as well as her brother William Beach⁷. William⁷, in turn, was the father of Elizabeth Rogers (Beach⁸) Harris whose DAR lineage is mentioned above.

Recall now the kind minister from Dorset, Vermont, who told me about the library in Boston. I cannot wait to tell him that Reverend Nathaniel's wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Reverend William and Susanna (Cram) Jackson of ...Dorset, Vermont!

NOTE: Our thanks to Herb Clark for this most interesting article. While we knew of Reverend Nathaniel Beach⁶ and his ancestry, we were not aware of the details of his career, nor the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of his daughter, Elizabeth R. Beach⁷.

In this regard the sinking of the *City of Columbus* is one of the most famous of all 19th century shipwrecks. Built in 1878, the steamer was 270 feet long and displaced approximately 2000 tons. On January 16, 1884, she set sail from Boston, bound for Savannah, Georgia. On the night of January 18, 1884, however, she struck the Devil's Bridge reef and foundered as a gale swept over her. With water rushing inside, the passengers dashed on deck, only to be washed away by the raging sea. The crew behaved badly from the start, damaging or capsizing several life boats in their rush to launch them. When the final boat was at last lowered, it was commandeered by several officers and seamen who headed for shore without a single pleading passenger. Out of 132 persons on

board only 29 survived; several of whom were saved by local Indians who, despite the storm, paddled out to the wreck.

An excellent, more detailed account of the sinking of the *City of Columbus* can be found at "An Historical Overview of Shipwrecks of the Steam Era" web site at <http://www.rmstitanichistory.com/columbus/columbus.html>. Photos of the vessel - both before and after the disaster - can be likewise found at the "Hunting New England Shipwrecks" page at <http://www.wreckhunter.net/DataPages/cityofcolumbus-dat.htm>. An extensive account of the disaster was authored in 1963 by George A. Hough, Jr., entitled *Disaster On Devil's Bridge*, published at Mystic, Connecticut.

Some Additions To The Family Of ABNER BEACH⁵
The Newly Discovered Children of Edwin A. Beach⁷

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Way back in Vol. IV, No. 2, pp. 464-470, we presented an account of the descendants of Abner Beach⁵, Edmund⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹. Much of the information contained in that item was based on Edward Brown's *Wadsworth Memorial: An Account of the Proceedings of the Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the First Settlement of the Township of Wadsworth, Ohio* (1875); portions of which we reprinted in the "Gleanings" column of that same issue. Included among such descendants is Edward A. Beach⁷, Luman E.⁶, Abner⁵, of whom Brown, *supra*, says:

Edwin A. Beach, third son of Luman, born in Morgan, O., 1813. Married Didemia Chapman. Came to Wadsworth in 1834. Was a worthy member of the Congregational church. Was killed by a falling tree, Aug. 8th, 1844.

As can be seen, this man - while married - died at a fairly young age. Consequently, we have long wondered whether or not he had any children. Thanks to information recently provided us by new subscriber Del Rasmussen, however, this question can now be answered affirmatively and additional details added to the history of this family.

Specifically, we now know that Edwin A. Beach⁷ married at Morgan, Ashtabula County, Ohio, Oct 23, 1835, Didemia a/k/a Diodemia Chapman, born Mar 1, 1817, daughter of Caleb and Deborah (Knowlton) Chapman. The couple's parents appear to have had a long and close relationship, being among the first settlers in Ashtabula County, Ohio. Both appear, for example, on the 1810 Census for Richfield (later Rome) Township, as well as an 1827 State Census and 1830 Federal Census for Morgan Township. The two families were likewise linked by marriage, since Frances Beach⁷, Luman E.⁶ married first Samuel Knowlton, believed to be a brother of Deborah (Knowlton) Chapman.

Edwin A. Beach⁷ himself appears on the 1840 Census for Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio, with 1 male 20-30 (no doubt Edwin himself); 1 male 15-20 (perhaps his younger brother Jonathan⁷ or else a hired boy); 1 male under 5, and 1 female 20-30 (wife Didemia/Diodemia). The youngest male turns out to be a son, Edgar Martell Beach⁸, born Aug 3, 1839. A second child, daughter Vesta Olivia Beach⁸, was subsequently born Feb 9, 1844, just a few months before her father was killed by the falling tree.

A young widow with two infant children, Didemia/Diodemia (Chapman) Beach soon remarried William Sumner, who himself appears to have been a widower. By 1850 she was back in Morgan, Ashtabula County, Ohio, living not far from her aged father, where the Census shows the following:

Morgan, Ashtabula County, Page 441, Dwelling 967, Family 978

Sumner,	Will'm	49	M	Farmer	Vermont
Sumner,	Diodama	36	F		Ohio
Sumner,	Sidney J.	14	M		Ohio
BEACH,	OLIVIA	6	F		Ohio
Sumner,	Ida A.	5/12	F		Ohio

In 1854, however, the family removed to Wisconsin. Bureau of Land Management records show that William L. Sumner "of Ashtabula County, Ohio," was issued a patent for land in Sauk County, Wisconsin, on November 10, 1855, but it is unclear whether he ever resided there. By 1870, however, Edgar M. Beach⁸ is found living in Waupun, Dodge County, Wisconsin. An 1872 Dodge County directory lists "E. M. Beach" as a "justice" in Waupun while his step-brother, Sidney J. Sumner above, is shown as engaged in carriage manufacture there. So too the 1880 Census for Waupun shows Edgar M. Beach, age 40, a lawyer, with a wife, Cecelia, age 36, born in Missouri, but it does not appear the couple had any children. For more on Edgar M. Beach⁸ and his career, see the biographies and obituary reprinted in the appendices below.

Mr. Rasmussen further advises that Edwin A. Beach's daughter, Vesta Olivia Beach⁸, married circa 1860-63, Albert A. Warren, b.c. 1836 in Ohio. Warren was an insurance agent who, in 1874, founded what has eventually become the present-day Warren Group, Incorporated; a full-line insurance agency. The 1880 Census shows Albert and Vesta (Beach) Warren residing at Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, with their four children (i) Martell Warren, (ii) Frederick Warren, (iii) Clyde Warren and (iv) Edward Warren. She died at Green Bay on September 20, 1922.

As for Didemia/Diodemia (Chapman) Beach Sumner - widow of Edwin A. Beach⁷ - Mr. Rasmussen indicates that she died Apr 11, 1901. Note that her obituary, reprinted in the appendices below, claims she had three children by Edwin A. Beach⁷. If true, then the third, otherwise unidentified child likely died in infancy since he/she is not otherwise mentioned in any records relating to this family.

At this point a possible source of confusion should be addressed. According to Mr. Rasmussen, a transcript of *Tombstone Records from the Cemeteries of Medina Co., Ohio*, pp. 1-2, includes the following entries for Woodlawn Cemetery, Wadsworth, Ohio, Row 20:

BEACH, LUMAN, [died] Dec 29, 1837, [age] 59 y

BEACH, LYDIA, w/o Luman, [died] Jan 23, 1849, [age] 73 y

BEACH, EDWIN A., son, [died] Aug 8, 1811, [age] 22 y

The first two of these are Luman Beach⁶ and his wife, Lydia (Wright) Beach, while the third is obviously their son Edwin A. Beach⁷. But while the month and day of his death [i.e., August 8th] are consistent with that given by Brown's *Wadsworth Memorial*, his year and age at death are not. We are confident, however, that the year "1811" is a misreading of the actual year "1844." While we have not seen this particular headstone, it is not uncommon for the diagonal strokes of the numeral "4" to be so lightly inscribed that they fade over time, leaving what now appears to be the numeral "1." So too, we suspect that the age of "22" is a misreading of "32." Since born in 1813, Edwin A. Beach⁷ would be in his 32nd year when he died in 1844. In all events it should be clear Edwin A. Beach⁷ did *not* die in 1811, since he plainly appears on the 1840 Census for Medina County, as noted above.

***Appendix 1 - Obituary of Didemia/Diodemia (Chapman) Beach Sumner:
Widow of Edwin A. Beach⁷***

The following is taken from the *Waupun Times* for April 16, 1901:

Died

SUMNER - At her home in this city, Thursday, April 11, 1901, Mrs. Deidama Sumner, aged 84 years, 1 month and 11 days.

The deceased was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, on the 1st day of March, 1817. She was twice married; first at the age of 19 to Edwin Beach, by whom she had three children, two of which now survive her, E. M. Beach of Waupun and Mrs. Vesta O. Warren of Green Bay. She had resided in the county since the spring of 1854, at which time she came to this state with her second husband, William Sumner, father of S. J. Sumner of this city. She lived in LeRoy until after the death of William Sumner when in 1868 she came to Waupun and has resided here ever since.

She was a woman of sterling character and highly respected by all who knew her. She has been a member of the Congregational church of this city for more than thirty-one years. She was always faithful in her attendance upon its services until failing health made it impossible to be there.

The funeral was held at the residence Saturday at 11 a.m. Rev. Geo. Lockridge officiating.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Warren and sons Clyde and Edgar, of Green Bay.

NOTE: As can be seen, this obituary employs yet another spelling of this woman's first name. For what it is worth, the most common form seems to be "Diadema," which appears to be a created name from the Latin (via Greek) word "diadem" meaning "crown."

Curiously, it is also the name given to both an order [Diadematoidea] and family [Diadematoidea] of sea urchins, such as *Diadema setosum*!

Appendix 2 - Biographies of Edgar Martell Beach⁸

The following is taken from *The History of Dodge County, Wisconsin*, Western Historical Company (1880), p. 618:

Re: City of Waupun

EDGAR M. BEACH; born Aug. 3, 1839, in Medina Co., Ohio; parents of the old Puritan stock from New England; at the age of 5 years, lost his father, who was instantly killed by the fall of a tree; in 1854, came to Wisconsin; attended school at Lawrence University at the city of Appleton four years, when, his health almost entirely giving away, he spent several years traveling in most of the Western and some of the Southern States; in the fall of 1860, cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. The war of the rebellion found him teaching in Missouri in a district composed entirely of slaveholders; making his way North, he enlisted in the Federal army, but on account of ill health was rejected; still desiring to take some part in the national struggle, spent the spring and summer of 1863 in Nashville, Tenn., where he belonged to the Ordnance Department under Gen. E. D. Townsend of the regular army. On the 10th day of November, 1864, was married to Miss Cecelia E. Tichenor, daughter of Charles O. Tichenor, Esq., of Appleton. Studied law with Judge N.C. Giffin, of Fond du Lac, at which place he was admitted to the bar in July, 1866; came to Waupun in December, 1866, where he has spent an active business life in the practice of his profession, which has been crowned with more than ordinary success; coming to Waupun without means or friends, he has found many friends and abundant means. His fellow-citizens elected him Justice of the Peace for eight years in succession; at one time a Postmaster under Abraham Lincoln. "A high private in the Kekoskee war." Village Clerk; Supervisor; in politics a Republican; an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he has belonged in 1864; many years a Sunday-school Superintendent; thirteen years a Class Leader, Trustee and Steward. Always a liberal contributor to all good objects.

The following is taken from Homer Bishop Hubbell, *Dodge County, Wisconsin, Past and Present*, S. J. Clarke Publishing Company (1913), Vol. I, 186-187:

Edgar Martell Beach was born August 3, 1839, in Medina county, Ohio, of parents of the old Puritan stock of New England. At the age of five years he lost his father who was instantly killed by the fall of a tree. In 1854, he moved to this state and attended Lawrence University for four years; his health being precarious, he spent several years in traveling through the south and west. In 1860, he cast his first vote for Lincoln. At the opening of the war of the Rebellion, he was teaching school in Missouri, in a district composed entirely of slave holders. He resigned his position, came north and enlisted in the Federal Army, but was rejected on account of ill health. He spent the spring and summer of 1863 at Nashville, Tennessee, where he belonged to Ordnance [sic] Department under General E. D. Townsend.

Subsequently he located at Brandon, Fond du Lac county, in this state, and shortly thereafter removed to Waupun where he practiced law up to the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1906. He was in partnership with the late Eli Hooker, Esq., for a short time, and afterwards had associated with him at different times H. E. Connitt, Esq., E. D. Doney, Esq., Clyde L. Warren, Esq., and for the past few years and up to the time of his death R. D. Tillotson, Esq.

Mr. Beach held a number of local offices and was a member of the Waupun Free Library Board, and during his life time gave away many thousands of dollars to charitable causes. He gave Lawrence University \$10,000, to start the Edgar M. Beach chair for the study of the English Bible.

He married November 10, 1864, Cecelia E. Tichenor, of Appleton, Wisconsin, who survived him.

NOTE: Hubbel's 1913 biography clearly "borrows" heavily from the 1880 account above, but adds some additional details of interest. The Clyde L. Warren mentioned above as Beach's one-time law partner is his nephew, the son of Vesta Olivia (Beach) Warren.

Appendix 3 - Obituary of Edgar Martell Beach⁸

The following is taken from the *Waupun Democrat*, Vol. 6, Friday, Jan 26, 1906, p. 1:

DEATH OF E. M. BEACH
Well Known Attorney Succumbs After a
Few Weeks Illness

The noiseless pinion of the angel of death cast its shadow upon a happy household, and, when it passed, a human life had kept it company. Out of the darkness and doubts of this world into the light and love of a better, hope points the way, and faith whispers, "All is well."

Never physically robust; in failing health for some years, but confined to his home only a few weeks, Edgar Martel Beach, one of our more prominent citizens, died at the family home, 416 E. Jefferson street, Saturday night, January 2, death resulting, it is believed, from a complication of stomach troubles. Few people in the city would be more generally missed than Mr. Beach will be. For nearly forty years a resident of Waupun; a leading attorney of the city, county and state; prominent in church and educational work; a model citizen and a desirable friend, his death is a public loss. In business and professional matters, he was shrewd and exacting. His first love was for his wife and his home, and next for his church and its work, and for his Alma Mater, of whom he was always a loving son, and in whose interests he has always labored and to which he has contributed of his best service and of his means. He was charitable without show, but always with reason.

Edgar Martell Beach was of New England Puritan stock, and born Aug. 3, 1836, in Medina Co., Ohio. At five years of age he lost his father. In 1854 he came to Wisconsin. He attended Lawrence University for four years, but his health giving way he travelled through the West and in the Southern states. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. When the Civil War broke out he was teaching school in Missouri, but came north and enlisted in the Union army. He was rejected on account of his health. Later he was attached to the ordinance [sic] department at Nashville, Tenn., under Gen. E. D. Townsend of the regular army.

November 10, 1864, he and Miss Celia E. Tichenor, daughter of Chas. Tichenor, of Appleton, were married. He studied law with Judge N. C. Giffin, of Fond du Lac, and was admitted to the bar in July, 1866, and came to Waupun in December of the same year. Coming to Waupun without much means and few, if any, acquaintances, he has made many friends and abundant means. He served in many minor local offices; has been an active member of the M. E. Church and superintendent of the Sunday School. He has been for years a trustee of Lawrence Univer...

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... Fox Lake; Rev. G. W. Carmichael, of Fond du Lac; Rev. Corr, Juneau.

Mrs. V. O. Warren, Edgar B. Warren, Green Bay; Clyde Warren, Waupun; Mrs. D. M. Gibbs, Elgin, Ill.; Chas. Tichenor, Kansas City; I. N. Tichenor, Keokuk, Ia., relatives of the family, were also present.

The following sketch and tribute furnished especially for The Democrat by Rev. Sam'l Plantz, President of Lawrence University, and one of the ripest scholars and most successful educators of the country, gives a clearer insight into the character and work of Mr. Beach along specified lines than could be inferred from a mere mention of his good works:

Mr. Edwin M. Beach was a student of Lawrence University in the early sixties and in 1882 he was elected a trustee of the institution. He has served continuously in this capacity since that time and has proved himself to be one of the most faithful and competent of the members of the board. He was rarely absent from any of its sessions and always an active participant in its discussions and affairs. Mr. Beach was highly esteemed by his associates on the board because of his carefully weighed opinions and his sound judgment. He was thoroughly interested in all the work of the College and anxious for its development. He stood for a conservatively aggressive policy. He was always ready to give of his time and his means to advance the welfare of the institution. About four years ago he became much interested in the project of establishing a chair for the teaching of the English Bible and offered ten thousand dollars for this purpose, providing thirty thousand dollars could be raised. This was accomplished and in recognition of Mr. Beach's long service as a trustee and his generosity to the institution the chair was called the Edwin Martell Beach Chair of Biblical Literature.

The loss of Mr. Beach from the governing board will be very seriously felt by his associates, as well as by the members of the faculty. It will be difficult to find a man to take his place who will be so faithful to the interests of the school, so generous in its support and so enthusiastic concerning its work. He was peculiarly pleasant to work with and was always ready to lend his counsel and to do anything possible to assist in the development of the institution. In his death Lawrence University has lost one of its best and staunchest friends and supporters.

The "Other" FRANCIS/FRANCES BEACH OF Rock County, Wisconsin

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Two men named Francis/Frances Beach appear in the 19th century records of Rock County, Wisconsin. One of these is known to be Francis A. Beach⁶, Francis Ashbury⁵, Jacob⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹, born Oct 3, 1799, and married Dec 25, 1822, Marie/Maria Hurd, b.c. 1796. The couple had a total of five known children, i.e., (i) William Hopson Beach⁷, b. Sep 19, 1824; (ii) Martha Beach⁷, b. Jul 30, 1826; (iii) Watson Beach⁷, b. Jul 16, 1829; (iv) Mary Beach⁷, b. Jul 3, 1832; and (v) Francis/Frances Beach⁷, b. May 18, 1835. Note that the gender of this last child is uncertain. The *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. II, No. 4, p. 193, spells the name "Francis," suggesting it was male, but census records say "Frances" and give the sex as female. This family subsequently removed to Centre, Rock County, where Francis A. Beach⁶ appears on both the 1850 and 1860 censuses. See: *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. II, No. 4, p. 212, where the 1850 census entry is abstracted.

In 1870, however, a second and different Francis/Frances Beach appears on the census for Turtle, Rock County, Wisconsin, as follows:

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BEACH,	FRANCES	44	M	Farmer	New York
"	LAURA	42	F		New York
"	ELIZA	17	F		New York
"	ALONZO	15	M		Michigan
"	EMMA	8	F		Kansas
"	FRANK	3	M		Wisconsin
"	NELSON	1	M		Wisconsin
Stone,	Henry	22	M	Farmer	New York
Stone,	Fanny	21	F		New York
Gillman,	James	86	M		New Jersey
Gillman,	Roxanne	78	F		New York
Gillman,	Martha	40	F	[Idiotic]	New York

Any suggestion this might be a son of Francis A. Beach⁶ above is readily disposed of. Even if Francis/Frances Beach⁷, Francis A.⁶ proves to be male, he was born 1835 in Connecticut, whereas Francis/Frances Beach of Turtle was born 1825-26 in New York.

So who, then, is this "other" Francis/Frances? The presence of James, Roxanne and Martha Gillman in the household proved an important clue, since it turns out these are the parents and younger sister of Laura (Gillman) Beach. Going back to the 1850 Census, we find the same James, Roxana and Martha Gillman living at Otisco, Onondaga County, New York. This, in turn, enabled us to locate a "Francis" Beach who appears on the 1850 Census for Tully, Onondaga County, as follows:

BEACH,	FRANCIS	24	M	Farmer	New York
"	NANCY	34	F		New York
"	HECTOR	9	F		New York
"	ANN M.	7	F		New York

Based on his age we feel confident this is the same Francis/Frances Beach who later married Laura Gillman and eventually settled in Rock County, Wisconsin. Note, however, that Nancy Beach seems too old to be his wife, while Hector and Ann M. are too old to be his children. Instead, they could well be siblings living together after the death of their parent(s).

Independent support for these conclusions comes from an LDS family group sheet posted to the Family Search web site. This shows a Francis T. Beach b.c. 1824 at Otisco, Onondaga County, New York; m. Oct 9, 1850, Laura Lucretia Gilman (sic), daughter of James and Roxana (Ticknor) Gilman (sic), b. Jun 30, 1828, at Otisco, Onondaga County, New York; d. Sep 23, 1885, at Turtle, Rock County, Wisconsin.

Unfortunately, we cannot as yet establish the parentage of this Francis/Frances Beach. As we have remarked before, early Onondaga County, New York, was home to several Beach/Beech families whose ancestry is still not clear. While we find some Beaches in Tully, Onondaga County, prior to 1850, their link, if any, to Francis/Frances is unknown. Thanks to the data furnished by Ms. Allison, however, we are able to present the following account of this man's descendants. As always, any further information on this family would be most appreciated.

1. FRANCIS a/k/a FRANCES BEACH¹ - b.c. 1824 in New York; m. m. Oct 9, 1850, Laura Lucretia Gillman (Gilman), daughter of James and Roxana (Ticknor) Gillman (Gilman), b. Jun 30, 1828, at Otisco, Onondaga County, New York; d. Sep 23, 1885, at Turtle, Rock County, Wisconsin. Some sources give his middle initial as "T" while others say it was "A." He remained in New York until 1853-55 (i.e., after the birth of daughter Eliza but before that of son Alonzo) when he moved to Michigan. By the birth of daughter Emma c. 1862, however, he had relocated to Kansas, before finally settling in Wisconsin prior to the birth of son Frank in 1866.

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2. ELIZA, b.c. 1853 in New York.
 3. ALONZO a/k/a LON, b.c. 1855 in Michigan.
 4. EMMA, b.c. 1862 in Kansas.
 5. FRANK FAYETTE, below.
 6. NELSON a/k/a NELS, b.c. 1869 in Wisconsin.
 7. SUE, b. after 1870 since not on the census for that year; may have died young since also missing from the household on the 1880 Census.
5. FRANK FAYETTE BEACH² (Francis/Frances¹) - b. Sep 1, 1866, at Turtle, Rock County, Wisconsin; d. May 13, 1959; m. Jul 3, 18889, Sarah Alwyda Elliott, b. Feb 19, 1869, at Rudd, Iowa; d. Dec 10, 1945.

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8. GLENN A., b. Feb 24, 1890; d. May 23, 1943. He never married.
 9. EMMA, b. May 18, 1891; d. Mar 16, 1972; m. Clare Mead. Their children: (i) Grace Mead; (ii) Lenore Mead.
 10. MYRTLE, b. Nov 28, 1892; d. Aug 2, 1990; m. Roscoe Jones. Their daughter: (i) Joyce Jones, who predeceased her mother ae. 43, leaving no issue.
 11. VERNA, b. Jul 21, 1895; d. Dec 7, 1984; m. Ray Starkey. Their children: (i) Ruth Starkey; (ii) Cora Marie Starkey; and (iii) Mary Jane Starkey.
 12. LOIS, b. Aug 31, 1897; d. Jan 16, 1959; m. Dewey Brown. Their child: (i) Elaine June Brown.
 13. ROSA MAY, b. May 27, 1900; d. May 30, 1989; m. Russell Hall. Their children: (i) Ronald Eugene Hall, b. and d. 1937; (ii) Robert Edmond Hall, b. Aug 13, 1939.
 14. BLANCHE VIOLA, b. Dec 28, 1903; d. Aug 11, 1988; m. Carl Deming. No children.
 15. ARTHUR LEE, below.
15. ARTHUR LEE BEACH³ (Frank Fayette², Francis/Frances¹) - b. Nov 12, 1908; d. Nov 5, 2001; m. May 30, 1937, Marjorie Leona Savage.

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16. NANCY LEE, b. Mar 13, 1939; m. Jun 10, 1961, Earl Houchin. Their children: (i) Liesl Marie Houchin, b. May 8, 1967; and (ii) Stephan Cort Houchin, b. Jan 8, 1970.
 17. DAVID FRANKLIN, below.
17. DAVID FRANKLIN BEACH⁴ (Arthur Lee³, Frank Fayette², Francis/Frances¹) - b. Nov 2, 1940; m. Aug 26, 1963, Carolyn Sue Bradbury.

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18. DAVID JOHN, below.
19. DEBBIE SUE, b. and d. Jan 15, 1975.
20. JEFFREY RYAN, below.

18. DAVID JOHN BEACH⁵ (David Franklin⁴, Arthur Lee³, Frank Fayette², Francis/Frances¹) - b. Jan 30, 1969; m. Kimberly ----.

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21. DAVID CHRISTOPHER.

22. ASHLEY RUTH.

20. JEFFREY RYAN BEACH⁵ (David Franklin⁴, Arthur Lee³, Frank Fayette², Francis/Frances¹) - b. Jan 15, 1975; m. Alison ----.

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23. JACOB, b. Nov 3, 2000.

Still More On WILLIAM C. BEACH⁷
Of New York And Pennsylvania

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We have lost track of how many times we publish something about a particular Beach family, only to then receive a letter or email from a complete stranger with new information on the same line. In this case the family in question is that of William C. Beach⁷, Miles⁶, Stiles⁵, Mathew⁴, Josiah³, Nathaniel², John¹, whom we last addressed in Vol. XI, No. 1, pp. 1595-1599. As noted therein, while this man's ancestry seems beyond question, his marriages, children, siblings, etc. remained somewhat confused. This July, however, we were contacted by Ms. Lorri B. Ryan whose information has helped clarify several of these issues.

I. The Wives/Marriages Of Miles Beach⁶

As noted in the prior item, both Cutter's *Genealogical and Family History of Western New York*, Vol. I, pp. 408-409 (1912) and Reynolds' *Genealogical and Family History of Southern New York and the Hudson River Valley*, Vol. III, pp. 1086-1087 (1914) give Miles Beach⁶ only one wife, i.e., Sarah Powell, and make no mention of a son William C. Beach⁷. Yet William's own previously published biography identifies him as a "son of Miles and Sarah (Powell) Beach" and mentions two half-brothers, John and James, *Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen - Steuben County, New York*, Vol. II, pp. 1187-1188 (1896). We accordingly wondered if Miles Beach⁶ had another wife besides Sarah Powell; a suspicion Ms. Ryan now confirms.

Specifically, Miles Beach⁶ married one Mary Coryell *prior* to wedding Sarah Powell and William Coryell Beach⁷ is the child of that first union. It appears, however, the couple soon divorced - a fact which (given the attitudes of that day) likely explains why Cutter and Reynolds ignore both this first marriage and the son born of it. Miles Beach⁶ soon thereafter married Sarah Powell as his *second* wife, by whom he had four additional children. His first spouse, Mary

(Coryell) Beach, likewise married secondly John D. Baker and it is their sons - John and James *Baker* - who are the "half-brothers" mentioned in the biography of William C. Beach⁷.

This being so, one wonders why the biography of William C. Beach⁷ gives his mother as "Sarah (Powell) Beach" rather than Mary (Coryell) Beach Baker? Given that his middle name was itself "Coryell," and that he had knowledge of his half-brothers, he surely knew the identity of his true birth mother. Our best guess is that he simply chose to honor the stepmother who raised him from his youth.

II. The Wives/Marriages Of William C. Beach⁷

According to his biography, William C. Beach⁷ was "married Feb. 29, 1852, [to] Adalaide Carr" but is also said to have been "formerly married to Mary A. Thomas..." Given the wording of this account, we were unsure of the order in which these unions took place. Ms. Ryan informs us, however, that William C. Beach⁷ was in fact married *three* times in all.

His first marriage was to one Cornelia Pratt, born 1829, the daughter of Ira Pratt. This union was short-lived, however, since she died at age 18 on September 14, 1847; less than a year after the couple wed. This may explain why no mention is made of this marriage in William C.'s biography. He then married second, Adalaide/Adelaide/Adelia Carr, on February 29, 1852, by whom he had two children, i.e., Clarence O. Beach⁸ and Myron F. Beach⁸. The couple subsequently appear on the 1860 Census for Thurston, Steuben County, New York, Page 437, Dwelling 647, Family 647, as follows:

BEACH,	W. C.	32	Farmer	New York
"	ADALINE	29		New York
"	CLARENCE O.	5		New York
"	MIRON F.	1/12		New York

As noted in our previous article, however, this marriage soon ended after Adalaide/Adelaide (Carr) Beach moved to Ionia County, Michigan, where she filed for divorce in 1867. Thereafter, in 1869, William C. Beach⁷ married for the third and final time to Mary A. (Thomas) Riffle, born circa 1841. She was the widow of Daniel Riffle, who had died in the Civil War, and by whom she had a daughter, Katie, born circa 1861. By 1870 the family was living at Lindley, Steuben County, New York, where William C. Beach⁷ appears on the census as a farmer, age 53; with wife Mary A., age 39. He was apparently still living there as late as 1909-10, when he wrote to son Myron F.⁸ in Michigan. There is some suggestion, however, that he may have moved to Tioga County, Pennsylvania, before his death.

III. Other Questions/Issues

As can be seen, Ms. Ryan's information has done much to answer several of the questions we had about this man and his family. Still unclear, however, are the circumstances surrounding Adalaide/Adelaide (Carr) Beach's removal to Ionia County, Michigan. As noted in our previous article, she appears there on the 1870 Census living in the household of a Samuel Williams - thought to be the (former?) husband of Mehitabe Beach⁶, aunt of William C. Beach⁷. To make

matters even more confused, Ms. Ryan has called our attention to another Ionia County divorce case, entitled "Martin Carr v. Adaline Carr," filed in 1866. Could this possibly be Adalaide/Adelaide (Carr) Beach? We do not see how, since her own divorce case was filed against William C. Beach⁷ the following year, but the similarities in name, locale and timing are curious enough to warrant further research.

As always we would welcome any additional information on this family!

"MRS. BEACH" AND "MELTED MAJESTY" **A Notable Incident Of The American Revolution**

Earlier this year subscriber Virginia Coudert sent us an editorial from the *New York Times* for July 4, 2003. Entitled "The Day New York Declared Its Independence," it recounts how patriots tore down the gilded lead statue of King George III which stood in that city's Bowling Green. British soldiers subsequently rescued the royal head, which was eventually shipped to London. The greater part of the statute, however, was taken to Litchfield, Connecticut, where it was melted down and made into bullets for the American army. Of interest to Ms. Coudert (and to us) is the fact that, among the Litchfield citizens who helped in this effort, was a "Mrs. Beach."

One of the earliest published accounts of this incident appears in W.A. Crofut and John M. Morris, *The Military and Civil History of Connecticut during the War of 1861-65* (1868). Commenting on the state's patriotic heritage, the authors note how:

Connecticut, with her practical turn of mind, made the equestrian statue of King George, in New York, useful to rebels against his authority. On the 11th of July, seven days after the declaration of the Continental Congress, this statue of gilded lead was visited by the Sons of Liberty, rudely toppled over, and hurried away the wondering Tories knew not whither. But any well-known patriot who visited the shed half hidden in the apple-orchard of Gen. Wolcott, in Litchfield, would have found his son Frederick chopping up the royal image with a hatchet into suitable lumps; and before the glowing coals in the huge kitchen fire-place, wife and daughter, with neighboring matrons and maids, fusing the lumps into bullets with many a shrug and jest. It was so fitting that the hirelings of the king should have "melted majesty fired at them".

The identity of these "neighboring matrons and maids" is further clarified by Alain C. White, *The History of the Town of Litchfield, Connecticut, 1720-1920*, p. 79, which reads in relevant part:

In the summer of 1776, occurred the event, so dear to local tradition, when the leaden statue of George the third, torn from its gilded glory on Bowling Green, was brought to Litchfield and turned into rebel bullets by a few of the women and young people of the town. This was done, it is supposed, at the instance of Oliver Wolcott, who had just returned to Connecticut from Philadelphia, and was always keenly alive to the needs of the army. Among his papers was found the following account of the cartridges made on this occasion.

Mrs. Marvin, 3456 cartridges. Mrs. Marvin, on former account, 2602 Ruth Marvin on former account, 6204 Not sent to court house 449 packs, 5388 Laura, on former account, 4250 Not sent to court house 344 packs, 4128 Mary Ann, on former account, 5762 Not sent to the court house 119 packs, out of which I let Colonel Perley Howe have 3 packs, 5028 Frederick, on former account, 708 Not

sent to court house, 19 packs, 228 Mrs. Beach's two accounts, 2002 Made by sundry persons, 2182 Gave Litchfield militia, on alarm, 50 Let the regiment of Col. Wigglesworth have, 300 Cartridges, No. 42,288 Overcharged in Mrs. Beach's account, 200 (total) 42,088

Woodruff, p. 47, says of this, "the late Hon. Judge Wolcott, was a boy at the time, informed me a few years ago that he well remembered the circumstance of the statue being sent there, and that a shed was erected for the occasion in an apple orchard adjoining the house, where his father chopped it up with a wood axe, and the 'girls' had a frolic in running the bullets and making them up into cartridges..."

The estimation in which lead was held in those days may be imagined from the fact that the above account of cartridges is filed carefully among returns of troops, accounts of requisitions upon the states, and issues of bills of credit.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide a more specific identification of this "Mrs. Beach." We suspect she was the wife of one of the Litchfield Beach men - most of whom descended from Samuel Beach³, John², Thomas¹ - but there is insufficient evidence to say which one. Perhaps this is as it should be, however, since "Mrs. Beach" can rightly stand for *all* Beach women (whether by birth or marriage) who contributed in so many ways to the cause of American liberty.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Subscriber Janace Cole wrote us concerning the entry for the family of Gordon Mansfield Beach⁷, Richard Mansfield⁶, Timothy⁵, Joseph⁴, Ephriam³, Nathaniel², John¹ on the 1850 Census for Delaware County, New York, *See*: Vol. XI, No. 1, p. 1580. As we noted at the time, his household included a four-month old boy whose name is given as "Gordon Eugene" (i.e., with "ugine" lined through.) Ms. Cole notes, however, that this same child appears as "Charles Beach," age 5, on the 1855 New York State Census for Walton, Delaware County, as well as "Charles Beach," age 7, on the 1856 Iowa State Census. On both the 1860 Census for Cedar County, Iowa, and the 1870 Census for Elkhart County, Indiana, he is given the middle initial "N," yet his Indiana death record lists his name as "Charles W. Beach." Finally, his obituary calls him "Charles M. Beach" and a letter from his daughter-in-law indicates his middle name was in fact "Marshall." In short, it appears the family initially named this son Gordon Eugene, but soon reconsidered and called him Charles. We thank Ms. Cole for this insight, since such name changes can cause endless confusion if not well documented.

PASSINGS

The following is taken from the *Big Bear Grizzly* (Big Bear Lake, California) for April 16, 2003, Page A-9 [Submitted by Janace Cole]:

Dr. Raymond Lee Beach

87, passed April 5, 2003, from natural causes at Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in Laguna Hills, Calif. Born February 7, 1916, in Culbertson, Neb., he leaves two children, Lorraine Irene living in Dripping Springs, Texas, and Douglas Lee living in Hacienda Heights, Calif., children

born to he and Billie Beach. He practiced medicine in Big Bear Lake from 1950 to 1968 out of the Emergency Clinic on Pine Knot Blvd. Dr. Beach was involved with the Big Bear Community as a member of the Rotary, Elks, and the School Board. He leaves the legacy of responsible citizen, educator, and healer of the sick. No public services will be held. Flowers and condolences may be sent to the family at 3432 So. Belle River Dr., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

VARIOUS AND SUNDRY

ELAH BEACH - An Elah Beach, age 68, born in New York, appears on the 1880 Census for Apache Creek, Huerfano, Colorado. Also in the household is a Jas. W. Beach, age 19, born in Indiana, identified as a "son" of Elah. Both are shown as engaged in sheep breeding. **NOTE:** We believe this to be Elah Beach⁷, Horace⁶ Joseph⁵, Joseph⁴, Benjamin³, Azariah², Richard¹, b. 1812; d. Aug 26, 1891 in Rhode Island; m. Sophia Martin who d. Jul 2, 1865, in Rhode Island. We further believe Jas. W. Beach to be his nephew (not son), James Workman Beach⁸, William Banker⁷, Horace⁶, b.c. 1861 in Indiana. How these two came to be in Colorado in 1880, however, is still a mystery.

HILAND BEACH - Subscriber Richard E. Skeels recently sent us the following data with reference to the family of Hiland/Highland Beach⁶, Linus⁵, Linus⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹ of Lenawee County, Michigan. For more on this family, See: *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. II, No. 3, pp. 175-177, and Vol. X, No. 2, pp. 1461-1464:

Maple Grove Cemetery, Hudson, Lenawee County, Michigan

Hiland Beach 1823-1882

NOTE: This is Hiland Beach⁷, Hiland⁶, Linus⁵, Linus⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹

Francis A. [illegible]

NOTE: This is likely Frances Beach⁸, Hiland⁷, Hiland⁶, Linus⁵, Linus⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹

Kate Eliza [d] Feb 21, 1851[?], daughter of Hiland and Almeda

NOTE: This is Kate Beach⁸, Hiland⁷, Hiland⁶, Linus⁵, Linus⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹

Hiland Beach, Sen., d. Aug [illegible]

NOTE: This is Hiland Beach⁶, Linus⁵, Linus⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹

Clark R. Beach, d. Apr 23, 1887, aged 64 years

NOTE: This is Clark R. Beach⁷, Hiland⁶, Linus⁵, Linus⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹

Calista J., wife of C. R. Beach, d. July 12, 1903, aged 78 years

NOTE: This is Calista J. Kidder, wife of Clark R. Beach⁷.

Kittie C. Beach, 1855-1922

NOTE: This is possibly Calista J. Beach⁸, daughter of Clark R.⁷, Hiland⁷, Hiland⁶, Linus⁵, Linus⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹

From the Michigan Expositor, Adrian, Michigan, Jan 13, 1852

Married in Hudson on the 1st of Dec., by Elder Haynes, Mr. **Clark R. Beach** and Calista J. Kidder, both of Hudson. We are glad to see that an old Soldier from the Mexican War "knows his duty" and is determined to do it. After a successful campaign in Mexico, our friend Clark has at last "surrendered."

NOTE: This item proved valuable since we previously did not know the maiden name of Calista J. Kidder, nor that Clark R. Beach⁷ served in the Mexican War.

We again apologize for the delay in mailing this issue! With luck the final issue for 2003 will be more timely published and mailed in late November or early December.